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HAVE YOU SEEN THIS PEBBLE?

The GEM had a special delivery on Monday morning as we found a pebble on our doorstep.

It is all part of a community-scheme led by Cowbridge Rocks, members of which have been leaving pebbles hidden around the town, then, once found, a picture is uploaded to its Facebook page and one is then tasked with rehiding the pebble.

To find out more about the Cowbridge Rocks group, visit its Facebook, page which can be found here: *www.facebook.com/groups/410493926131811/about/*, where you can see more pictures from this, and many other pebbles' journeys so far.

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Late uncle inspires Lloyd's world record tandem ride

by TIM CHAPMAN 07891 690798 or email tim.chapman@glamorgan-gem.co.uk

A FORMER Cowbridge pupil has a special reason for taking part in a Guinness world record attempt for the fastest circumnavigation of the globe by tandem bicycle.

Lloyd Collier (28) who grew up in Pontyclun, is attempting the challenge with a pal from Leeds, Louis Snellgrove (30).

They both currently work as doctors at the Townsville emergency department in North Queensland, Australia.

They aim to raise funds for two charities, Spinal Research and The Brain Foundation.

Dr Collier explained: "While growing up, my hero was my uncle Alun. I was very close to him and he was always an enormous presence in my life.

"Alun was confined to a wheelchair following a spinal injury at the age of 29 and unfortunately passed away in March 2018.

"Despite being confined to a wheelchair, nothing stood in his way and he mastered many skills even water-skiing.

"Alun was and remains my inspiration in life and he has inspired me to cycle around the world for spinal research.

"Both charities are very excited by the prospect of being involved with the world record attempt."

Dr Collier said: "We will start and finish our journey in Adelaide, Australia. It begins this August.

"Our journey will take us through the following countries – Australia, China, Mongolia, Russia, Belarus, Poland, Slovakia, Hungary, Croatia, Slovenia, Italy, France, Spain, Portugal, the USA, and New Zealand.

"We estimate that the challenge will take around 300 days and, if successful, set a new world record."

Drs Collier and Snellgrove have a website – *www.worldtandem.com* – which has information about the challenge and how to donate to their cause.

Drs Louis Snellgrove (left) and Lloyd Collier.

Who will help Ellie raise money for the Little Princess Trust?

ON July 16, I will be holding a cake sale at Cowbridge Comprehensive School to raise money for the Little Princess Trust.

I will also be donating my hair for the second time to the Little Princess Trust.

The first time I donated was with my little sister, Jazmin, on July 5, 2016. The next donation will take part during an assembly on Monday, July 16.

The Little Princess Trust is a charity providing real hair wigs for children and young adults up to the age of 24 who have lost their own hair as a result of chemotherapy treatment or other hair loss illnesses.

If a suitable donated-hair wig cannot be sourced, then the charity will buy in the most appropriate wig for the child in question, as close as possible to their original hair. The cost to the charity to purchase a wig is on average £350-£500.

I am hoping to raise enough money so if my hair isn't suitable to make a real hair wig, then the Little Princess Trust could have enough money to source a real hair wig in the most efficient time possible for those in need.

If you can, please donate to the Little Princess Trust or send a Cowbridge Comprehensive pupil to school on Monday, July 16 with some change to donate through me.

I would also be grateful for a donation of any cakes to be sold to raise money for the charity - email me at lpt.cake.donations@gmail.com for more information about the cake sale.

The dietary requirements are: Vegetarian (no gelatin or meat products); Nut free; Vegan; Dairy Free and Gluten Free.

This charity means a lot to me, and I would very much appreciate some support.

Ellie Stephens

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First Minister's pollution 'scare stories' inaccurate

OUR soon-to-be-replaced First Minister Carwyn Jones has regaled us all on the cleanliness of the river Ogmore since the all-encompassing EU took charge of our environment.

On reading this comment, I wondered if there may be another reason for this turnaround in the fortunes of our rivers and beaches.

He remembers the 1980s when pollution of the river was a common sight, but could it just be that we once had industry situated in the BCBC area, numerous working coal mines and factories that might have contributed to the state of the rivers at that time?

There is now no industry anywhere near any of the major water courses in Bridgend, but, unfortunately, there are still some isolated pollution incidents caused by farming issues and the use of fertilisers which are very difficult to control.

The Welsh Water treatment plant at Ogmore by Sea dealing with water quality issues both in rivers and seas was envisaged before the intervention of the EU.

There are plans to spend millions of taxpayers' money to improve the workings of this installation which will be completed after we have left the EU, so comments that care of the environment will collapse after Brexit is nonsense.

All I can say is, Mr Jones, you will really have to improve your Remainer scare stories, you are running out of ideas.

Ian Hampton, Maesteg.

'LET'S CLEAN UP BARRY'

IS Barry becoming a dirty town? Everywhere you look you will see rubbish in the streets, black bags left overnight for the bin men to collect in the morning ripped open and the contents left on the street for the street cleaner to pick up if he's about.

Residents' forecourts are filled with their recycling which tends to blow everywhere due to the fact they use open bins given to them by this council; why can't they use their back garden as storage, and then put them out in the morning for collection?

It's not hard to do, and it will make their street look a bit cleaner - it just takes a bit of discipline, not a lot to ask.

This weekend a library put out shredded paper on top of their bins and look at the mess that made - I felt sorry for the poor person who had to pick it all up, what were they thinking of?

A bit of common sense should have told them what would happen to the bags if left as they were on show over the weekend.

So I ask the residents of Barry, let's make our town clean again, use a bit of common sense.

(Name and address supplied.)

ALL SAINTS' COMMUNITY CINEMA

ALL Saints' next screening is *Some Like It Hot* on Thursday, June 21 – doors open 7pm, film starts 7.30pm.

Admission by ticket only at All Saints' Lesser Hall, Penarth. For tickets call Jane on 07966 882459.

Starring Jack Lemmon, Tony Curtis and Marilyn Monroe, the 1959 black and white film has been hailed as one of the funniest films of all time. Tickets limited so don't delay!

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'Poor planning decisions on proposed link road will cause traffic chaos'

KEITH JAMES is right (GEM letters May 31) when he says the new road from the A48 to J34 is not needed to serve the airport or the Enterprise Zone at St Athan.

It is an unnecessary road which will destroy a beautiful part of the Vale, blight the lives of people living near its route and waste taxpayers' money which could have been used to provide better public transport.

Thousands of (arguably) necessary houses are being built to the west of Cardiff along the Llantrisant Road and A48 with no public transport infrastructure to support them. The people who buy these properties will have no alternative but to use cars for their journeys.

The net effect of these housing developments, with the consequent increase in private vehicle traffic, will be to cause the roads and lanes around J34, J33, Llantrisant Road, A4232 link, Culverhouse Cross and the A48 corridor to become log-jammed at peak times and probably at previously quiet times as well.

The new housing developments should not have been allowed without an integrated public transport plan, eventually incorporating the Metro project, being agreed by the Vale and Cardiff Councils. This should have been funded, developed and put in place prior to them being built.

The councils have now painted themselves into a corner, where the traffic situation to the west of Cardiff will become so bad, that a new 'relief' road between the A48 and J34 will be argued to be necessary to take pressure off the existing road network.

This scenario was totally avoidable and is due to the poor planning and decision making by our elected politicians in local government and a failure to follow their own local transport plan to encourage safer, healthier and sustainable travel.

The responsibility for the traffic chaos which is about to ensue will lie firmly with them.

Geoff Graham,
Peterston Super Ely.

Is a 'people's vote' EU Ref v2.0?

IF the Irish border issue were really as simple as Roger Bradshaw suggests (May 31), then he could earn a knighthood for himself and a mountain of cash for Felixstowe by suggesting his solution to the British Government.

The fact is, that for both Leavers like him and Remainers like myself, it is clear that Brexit is turning out to be more complex, expensive, disruptive and generally difficult than was ever suggested by the heady promises ('they need us more than we need them') of the Leave campaign.

Moreover, the forecast economic costs to households, individuals and business grow by the day.

Two years after the referendum, the Government still cannot say what kind of Brexit it proposes. It wants 'frictionless trade' but has little idea how to deliver it.

It wants global free trade (55 per cent of our exports already go beyond the EU) but forgets that free trade with India and Turkey mean relaxing immigration control.

Free trade with the US means accepting their chlorinated chicken and opening our NHS to US healthcare giants (even if the US rescind their current trade war).

We are, everyone can agree, in a mess – and that is why many are now calling for a 'people's vote' on whatever deal the Government manages to cobble together. This is not going against the 'will of the people' but respecting it.

The People's Vote will ask the question 'Is this what you voted for?'

Or should Parliament reconsider? A majority of those under 40 voted to remain: it is their futures we are talking about.

If 'the people' genuinely want Brexit at any cost, they have nothing to fear.

The 'People's Vote' will provide it.

Peter Sain ley Berry,
Cowbridge.

LINK ROAD
A different solution needed

I AGREE with the the reader in last week's GEM, who stated a different solution to the two proposed new roads from M4 J34 to Sycamore Cross needs to be found.

Both routes would destroy ancient woodland and the Welsh Government has given ancient woodland firm protection through Planning Policy Wales, while the Welsh Assembly has written the principle of maintaining the natural environment into law through the Well-being of Future Generations Act.

Plus, the Vale of Glamorgan Local Biodiversity Action Plan is clear that you should be seeking to conserve and enhance the biodiversity of the Vale.

A government-funded road project should be an exemplar of good environmental practice, not promote a destructive scheme.

Local people should not be asked to choose which precious ancient woods should be destroyed by the Vale Council's road proposal.

Louise Pearce,
Llantwit Major.

'Only Remainers understand world trade' CLAIMS READER

BREXIT evangelists continue to make misleading claims in order to ensure that the UK surrenders influence around the world and plunges our industries into chaos.

In his letter (The GEM, May 31), R Bradshaw regurgitated an opinion piece he read in the Daily Mail.

The claim is that the Irish border/UK customs issue can be solved using technology such as the Destin8 system.

Once again, the important detail has been left out by your correspondent.

Destin8 requires the authorities to be notified of shipments between the UK and much of Asia nine days in advance, and then the authorities have around 20 days while the goods are on a ship to decide whether to inspect on arrival. Should they decide to physically inspect, as they do, shipments are delayed.

Shipments on EuroTunnel take an hour and often carry time sensitive goods, such as perishable food, and components delivered just-in-time that are essential for many UK manufacturers.

Destin8 simply doesn't meet the requirements of companies shipping items between the UK and the nearby European continent.

This month, elements of the automotive industry has issued more warnings over the WTO's 'Rules of Origin' and small UK component manufacturers are to lose supply contracts.

How many times have we heard the Brexit supporters calling for the UK to trade under WTO rules, when they do not know what any of these rules are or what they would mean for British manufacturing?

Brexiters (including Government ministers) seem to be clueless when it comes to understanding world trade and just-in-time supply chains.

Do they really think that they can change the entire global economy, and dictate to the WTO, in order to prevent Brexit destroying large segments of the British economy?

It must be the will of the people for competent, knowledgeable people to make important decisions.

We've already heard too much nonsense from Brexit supporters; we do not need to hear any more.

Ian Perry, St Nicholas.

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HIGH TIDE TIMES
(UNTIL JUNE 21)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
14 Thur	07.29	10.2	19.53	10.2
15 Fri	08.21	10.3	20.42	10.4
16 Sat	09.10	10.2	21.29	10.1
17 Sun	09.58	10.0	22.19	9.9
18 Mon	10.47	9.6	23.12	9.5
19 Tues	11.42	9.1	23.59	9.0
20 Wed			12.36	8.7
21 Thur	00.59	8.6	13.37	8.4

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should check with a tide table specific to their location.

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jamjar recently received a top award at the Chartered Institute of Public Relations (CIPR)'s annual Excellence Awards.

Agency given an award at ceremony

CREATIVE communications agency jamjar has been crowned a 'stand-out winner' in a PR industry awards ceremony.

The only Welsh representative in the national awards, jamjar won the 'Best Use of Digital' category at the Chartered Institute of Public Relations (CIPR)'s annual Excellence Awards.

The agency's #JoinCwmTaf campaign for Cwm Taf University Health Board was deemed the best in UK.

With recruitment of NHS staff a UK-wide problem with health boards competing to attract a limited workforce, jamjar developed an innovative digital campaign to attract doctors to work in the Valleys.

Judges praised the campaign for its research and outcomes, deeming it 'best practice', a 'textbook example' and a 'stand-out winner'.

Cowbridge-based jamjar was established in 2012 by Lyndsey Jenkins. The agency provides PR, digital, social, marketing and design support to a range of organisations including Techniquest, British Council Wales, Mrs Bucket, Sony UK Technology Centre and Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council.

On its latest win, managing director of jamjar Lyndsey Jenkins, said: "This is a campaign that we're particularly proud of at jamjar so to get national recognition from our industry peers is all the more pleasing."

JJ

News from Ystradowen and district WI

OUR June meeting was the start of a new season with a complete change of committee and a new president, Shena Sarjeant.

Our retired president for the last 20 years, Jan Foyle, had previously suggested that instead of a speaker we should each bring "something we had personally made".

When this was first suggested, some of the comments were unprintable but mostly it was a feeling that it would be a pretty average display.

But Jan maintained that there was a lot of hidden talent in Ystradowen & District WI - and so there turned out to be!

On display was a stunning photograph of a beach on Gower, photographs of a wedding group (many years ago) in which the bridesmaids' dresses had been made by a member, who had also brought the receipts for the two headdresses for 5/10d, £10 for two Daimler cars and a total receipt for all the flowers for £10.2.0d (for the puzzled reader, the receipts are pre-decimal).

We also saw exquisite lace-making in the shape of circular table centres, a butterfly and an endearing owl.

Then came an embroidered panel in striking black, gold and grey satin, a framed cross stitch cloth of Beatrix Potter bunnies; a chair seat which had been re-covered in tapestry; a mohair navy designer jumper, and a large applique square depicting a 1930s lady.

Fittingly, there was a church kneeler in blue and gold which had been borrowed for the evening by the lady who had created it, and finally we were enchanted by a life-size lamb in white wool posing as a Shaun-the-Sheep cushion.

All in all, an impressive display of talent and artistic ability, the earliest of which was created in the 1950s.

The evening finished with the reading of the minutes, a thank-you letter from Cowbridge Physic Garden which we had visited last month, a huge thank you to our retiring committee and with the usual offerings for our leisure time - an autumn Federation walk, the Malvern Flower Show, a petanque day in Pontyclun, foot golf at Pencoed, and the Federation Dinner in Porthcawl in October.

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COME SEE OLDMAN'S FINEST (AND DARKEST) HOUR AT BIG SCREEN

BIG Screen's final film for this season is *Darkest Hour* (Cert PG) on Thursday June 28 at 7.30pm in the Town Hall.

Winston Churchill, portrayed brilliantly by Oscar-winner Gary Oldman, has to decide in May 1940 whether to give in to Hitler's demands or continue to wage war.

Having decided to carry on alone, Churchill has to use all his political guile and personal charisma to unite the nation against the German foe.

He needs more than ever the support of Clemmie, his wife (Kristin Scott Thomas). The audience might like to compare Oldman's performance to Brian Cox's in the film about Churchill that Big Screen showed last year.

Doors open 7.10pm; tickets £4 (available in advance from the Town Clerk's office, or on the door).

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‘Castle ruin still looms over my house’ RESIDENT

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A LLANMAES resident, who fears that the ruins of a castle could fall on his house, claims safety work still needs to start 18 months after he received an assurance the job would be done.

The Vale Council says it is an issue that can only be resolved by Cadw, the Welsh Government’s historic environment service, and a local landowner.

The walls of Malefant Castle loom ominously over Quarry House, owned by Rob Stockdale. With the base starting to crumble, he fears the whole wall might tumble down.

In April Mr Stockdale told The GEM: “Two years ago stones started falling and it was starting to collapse. The base was falling away.

“It could come down at any time. It’s just a few feet from my conservatory.

“The ivy is digging into the walls which is helping to break it up.”

The ruins are the remains of a medieval fortified manor house – or castle – once owned by the De Malefant family.

The castle wall is owned by a local landowner David Thomas, who told The GEM in the spring that he intended to make the wall safe.

To complicate matters Cadw decided the ruin should be preserved because it is a site of national importance.

Mr Thomas got a quote for the work which is some £40,000. Cadw has written to Mr Thomas inviting him to submit a grant application to help offset some of the cost of the remedial work.

Rob Stockdale says the crumbling castle wall poses a danger to his house. Photo by Andy Wicks.

Mr Stockdale said: “I am frustrated that work hasn’t started. It is still a dangerous ruin.

“I’ve had my house up for sale, but I’ve had to take it off the market.

“It is now 18 months since I was in touch with the Vale Council. I put in a complaint and they said they were going to make sure the work was done.”

In January 2017, a senior Vale planner wrote to Mr Stockdale telling him that the council would contact the landowner to stress the ruin should be made safe.

The council also said it reserved the right to carry out work itself and seek to recover costs from the landowner.

Mr Stockdale thinks it is ironic that the safety of a wall should become so complex – to his knowledge no one has ever visited it.

A spokesperson for the Vale Council said: “Given that the remains of the castle had previously been listed on the Vale’s ‘County Treasures’ list, the council’s planning and building control team contacted Cadw as soon as they were aware of concerns about its stability.

“Following a joint inspection of the structure it was ‘scheduled’ by Cadw in May 2017.

“As a result, consent and approval for any work can now only be given by Cadw as can any necessary enforcement action.

“While the council’s planning department are happy to provide any advice that will help resolve this issue, the matter is one for the landowner and Cadw to resolve.”

Local councillor Gwyn John said he had “a lot of sympathy” for Mr Stockdale.

“Malefant Castle is just a ruin – a heap of stones held together by ivy. If Cadw wants it repaired and kept then Cadw should pay for the repair.

“It is absolutely ludicrous to retain this ruin and expect others to pay.

“Mr Stockdale should not be treated in this way as he needs to sell his house.”

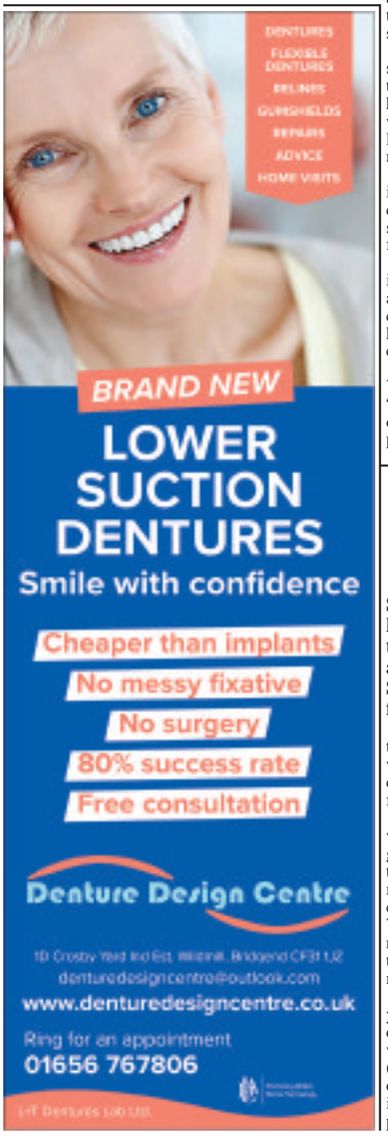
A spokesman for Cadw told The GEM: “The remains of the medieval manorial residence at Malefant Castle, Llanmaes, were scheduled as a nationally important monument on 17 May 2017.

“The condition of the structure is the responsibility of the owner and last year Cadw grant-aided a structural survey commissioned by the owner which identified remedial works at a cost of £40,000.

“We subsequently wrote to the owner inviting him to submit a grant application to help offset the cost of the remedial work but no application was received.

“Such grants can usually cover up to 50 per cent of the cost of remedial works.

“Cadw is more than happy to continue to provide advice to the owner as necessary.”



St Hilary ‘Year of the Sea’ bake-off

ST HILARY is holding a Year of the Sea bake-off activity day on Saturday, July 14 for everyone

The bake-off is open to anyone who lives or works or has connections, such as family, with the village.

This includes those who are involved in groups and activities in the village, such as members of the church congregation, the choir, Women’s Institute, regulars at The Bush and the Quiz even if they do not live in the village.

You can enter even if you are not here on the day. Details are on the website (sthilary.org.uk/bakeoff) or you can email info@sthilary.org.uk or phone 07977 49 29 26 for details.

Baking entries to the Village Hall by 12 noon, please (sthilary.org.uk/bakeoff for categories and details of how to enter).

At 2pm there is a pirate party and icing competition (under-10s); from 3pm to 5.15pm there will be games and activities on and around the village green for adults and children. Tug’o’war, splat the rat, races and pony rides.

Viewing of the cakes and pies; ice cream, teas and coffee. Practise your CPR skills with St John Ambulance.

Between 4pm and 5pm the public tasting and voting takes place and at 5.15pm a village photograph will be taken.

The results of the competition will be revealed at 5.30pm.

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EPILEPSY SUPPORT

EPILEPSY Wales runs a monthly support group at Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop in Holton Road, Barry.

This will be held on Thursday, June 21 from 10.30am to 12pm. You will be able to chat to a health care professional, Lesley Williams from Epilepsy Wales and find out what is available in your local area. No appointment is needed, just come along. Call 01446 732385 for further information.

Cowbridge Food and Drink Festival celebrates another successful year

THE Cowbridge Food & Drink Festival reported an extremely successful event in May, with glorious weather playing its part in attracting the crowds.

While there were a few puddles to pump away on Sunday morning, sunshine soon created a real carnival atmosphere, perfect for families, who visited in their droves on Monday.

The variety of demonstrations was warmly received and covered everything from reducing waste to cheap eats.

Now in its 14th year, the award-winning festival has grown from a one-day event with 40 exhibitors on one site to a whole weekend of activity with over 100 food and drink exhibitors, cooking demonstrations and musical entertainment spread across the Vale town.

The festival welcomed 12,000 visitors, a similar figure to last year, with people really making the most of all Cowbridge and local businesses have to offer.

The festival secured funding from the Strategic Business Growth Grant Scheme of the Welsh Government and a National Lottery Awards for All from the Big Lottery Fund ahead of weekend’s festival.

Polly Wilson, event organiser, said: “There were so many highlights again this year. The weather was great and we had some amazing exhibitors, new and old and of course, a lovely team of helpers and organisers. Thank you to everyone once again for their continued support.

“We very much pride ourselves on keeping the sites clean throughout the festival and recycle as much as possible in line with the Welsh Government’s Sustainability and Environmental programme and look forward to beginning planning next year’s line-up.”

Seth Oliver, director, FIZZI, added: “We have been captivated by Cowbridge Food & Drink Festival’s passion and dedication to all things food and drink and their wonderfully dependable affiliates. We had a great weekend.”

The Festival’s two-year Forgotten Foods project, funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund, concluded this year and saw visitors transported into a time long ago to explore traditional preparation and storage methods of Welsh food in a series of professional demonstrations.

Local chef duo and academic specialists in ancient history, The History Chefs, hosted basket making workshops among other activities presented by history enthusiast ITV’s Fran Donovan at the Old Hall gardens.

Feedback from exhibitors was glowing once again this year for the festival and team of organisers, spearheaded by chair Russ James, who flew in from Japan especially to ensure the smooth running of events.

A legacy from last weekend’s festival success is now ‘in situ’ with the launch of south Wales’ first ‘community fridge’ in Cardiff.

Community fridges are communal places where surplus food is shared between people in a community, by local businesses and individuals.

The project, which as been supported by National Lottery Awards for All, captures the ethos of the festival – to reduce waste as far as possible, as well as supporting more vulnerable members of the community.

There were demonstrations on using up fridge contents; reducing waste and cooking sustainably. Demonstrators included Wasteless Suppers, who gave great tips on eating on a budget by using food from the sale fridges that all supermarkets have.

Supporters are invited to donate any surplus from allotment glut to the fridge; a discounted sandwich someone might like, or even leftovers from a local cafe or deli at the end of the day.

Anyone can then help themselves to the produce – whether you see something that takes your fancy or if you may not have enough cash on you to pay for lunch – you can just help yourself; another time, you might feel able to contribute something.

Russ James, chair of Cowbridge Food and Drink Festival, said: “Cowbridge Food and Drink Festival was thrilled to be driving this movement in south Wales with the help of Big Lottery Fund and hope that other organisations will come on board to offer sites or funding for the future of this concept.

“We are very pleased to be working with this group on the long term life of the fridge, which is monitored for cleanliness, quality and freshness.”

Mr Oliver said: “We have been honoured to be able to deliver south Wales’ first Community Fridge working with Cowbridge Food & Drink Festival and, thanks to the National Lottery Awards for All for making it possible.

“We have high hopes for the future of our Community Fridge and its role in the elimination of food waste in its area and the provision of food supplies for all who might need them.

“As soon as we can attract more backing we’d like to roll out more; Cardiff and Merthyr have also shown an interest in this brilliant and relevant cause.”

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COMMUNITY NEWS

TREOES, LLANGAN & ST MARY HILL

News and opinion from Nancy Davidge, Tynewydd, Llangan. (01656) 860303

News from Llangan School

ON June 11 pupils in years 3/4 were going to St Fagan’s to learn about the Celts, and the following day the school’s youngest pupils (nursery) were going on a trip to Mountain View Ranch.

On June 13 the school was having a community day with the school’s friends from Tarmac, who have donated a new shed for the school’s Gardening Club; and would be working with the school on the day to improve the area.

‘Successful’ coffee morning

THE coffee morning which took place at St Canna’s, Llangan on June 9 was a ‘great success’. A big thank you to everyone for their support.

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'Politicians must bite the bullet over wildlife decline'

THE state of the River Ogmore – and by extension rivers in the Vale – has come up in two recent editions of The GEM.

In the May 24 edition, outgoing First Minister Carwyn Jones called UK standards for care of rivers in the days before the EU as "appalling". In the following edition, a reader suggested that a change in industry in the region since the 1970s should be considered as a reason.

Last week, a rallying cry to halt shocking wildlife declines in the countryside was made to members of the Welsh Assembly – Mr Jones was invited – from conservationists of the Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust (GWCT) Cymru.

Speakers from GWCT reinforced to local Assembly Members, researchers, and guests from other organisations how action is needed to save the countryside.

Dylan Roberts, head of fisheries for GWCT, spoke about the state of the rivers in Wales and regaled stories of how they looked when he was a boy which encouraged so many youngsters to fish.

He said in the 1980s and 1990s, Wales was the Mecca for sea trout – regional names abound, but called 'sewin' in Wales – worth an estimated £14 million every year and that the River Tywi supported an average rod catch of over 6,000 sewin a year, whereas since 2016, only 1,743 sewin were declared by Tywi anglers.

Salmon populations are also in a rapid rate of decline, with 21 out of 22 Welsh salmon rivers classed as 'at risk'.

"The deterioration in our rivers is a crisis yet pollutants of the waterways don't seem to be brought into account," he said.

"Although there were 3,000 pollution incidents in Wales over the past three years with almost 20 per cent coming from water companies, only a minor fraction was even investigated.

"Politicians must bite the bullet and put in place suitable policies to pay our farmers to protect the environment; current policies allow them to do the opposite but still allow them to be profitable food producers without the pressure to intensify."

In addition, only 37 per cent of freshwater bodies in Wales, as defined by the EU's Water Framework Directive, are classified as in good quality.

Duncan Sinclair, a gamekeeper, is part of a local moorland management project which is looking at boosting the number of ground-nesting birds by improving heather habitats through a Welsh Government/EU-funded Sustainable Management Scheme.

He said: "Our landscapes should be viewed as national heritage property that needs managing and maintaining.

"If they are to recover the number of declining numbers of bird species, strengthen their capacity to hold water and lock in carbon, as well as being amazing places to visit.

"Gamekeepers work hundreds of hours a week for a modest pay because they care passionately about the wildlife and what it supports, but they can't do it alone."

Amanda Perkins from Curlew Country, a project hosted by GWCT, added an emotional plea to the day by reiterating that only 400 pairs of curlews are left in Wales, plummeting 80 per cent in some 30 years.

She said: "Data collected over the past three years shows that from over 30 nests monitored in two years, no chicks survived to fledge.

"This is a very bleak picture indeed and although temporary electric fencing has been trialled and much closer collaboration with farmers has taken place, 50 per cent of the predation recorded using cameras on nests has been down to the fox, followed by around 25 per cent by badgers."

"It is still such a difficult subject and many funders refuse to fund it which makes the success of these projects very unlikely.

"We need to have these uncomfortable conversations now if the curlew is going to be around for future generations, and we are running out of time."

There were also talks at the event on June 5 from rugby legend and Porthcawl resident Sir Gareth Edwards and GWCT Cymru chairman Nick Williams.

Mr Williams laid out his hope for the Welsh public and policy to work together to give the nation's countryside a better future. **CH**

'Rural communities shouldn't be forgotten'

THE Chair of the National Rural Crime Network has urged the Home Office not to forget rural communities when deciding how much money should be given to police forces to fight crime and anti-social behaviour.

Julia Mulligan, who is also North Yorkshire's Police and Crime Commissioner, spoke with Home Office Minister Nick Hurd at Westminster at a meeting of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Rural Crime. She reiterated her belief that the key challenges faced by rural police forces are not properly reflected in the way funding decisions are made.

The National Rural Crime Network (NRCN), set up to ensure the voice of rural crime and policing is heard, is currently carrying out its second survey to identify what is really happening to residents and businesses who live in the countryside.

Almost 20,000 people have so far completed the survey which aims to provide the evidence that will ensure the voice of rural communities cannot be ignored and is heard by Ministers.

Julia Mulligan, NRCN Chair, said: "Ministers are in no doubt of my view on this issue. The funding formula for police forces does not recognise the costs of policing rural areas.

"Providing services across large, sparsely populated geographical areas is expensive and, as resources come under even greater pressure, this is becoming even more challenging.

"The recommendations from the last National Rural Crime Survey carried out in 2015 had fair funding as one of the priorities for change. Yet three years on and despite our efforts, the challenge for rural police forces remains - rural communities deserve better."

The National Rural Crime Survey closes on Sunday and can be completed at www.nationalruralcrimenetwork.net/survey. Its findings, to be released in late July, will be presented to Ministers to provide more evidence of the challenges and key issues being faced in the countryside.

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Will you support a Cowbridge woman's artistic aspirations?

Seren-Fflyr Hamilton.

ONE of Cowbridge Comprehensive's former pupils has landed a place on a National Youth Theatre course – and is putting on a concert this Friday (June 15) to raise funds so that she can attend.

Seren-Fflyr Hamilton, 19, has gained a place on the National Music theatre of Great Britain summer course for upcoming aspiring actors.

Miss Hamilton had lead roles in several recent Cowbridge school shows including *Into The Woods* (as 'The Witch') and West Side Story (as Maria).

She has also been a member of Cor Heol-Y-March (which won the Young Choir of the World award at the Llangollen International Eisteddfod). and represented the school at numerous eisteddfods throughout the years.

Miss Hamilton was also a member of the 'Only Kids Aloud' choir and toured with them to Russia.

She is a student at Bridgend College during her gap year, where she is studying drama (of course) and she also has a scholarship to the RWCMD young actors course in Cardiff.

Miss Hamilton said: "I have been lucky enough to have been offered a place on National Youth Theatre Great Britain's senior course.

"This is a massive personal achievement and is an opportunity that not only means the world to me but will contribute to my training and growth in acting, which I hope to pursue as a career.

"Unfortunately, this three-week intensive course taking place in London will cost me over £1,400, which is beyond what I could possibly pay for on my own. I have already set up a gofundme page which has raised a total of £290 so far, and I am extremely grateful for every penny.

"To help raise the money, I will be holding a fundraising concert on June 15, 7pm at the United Free Church in Cowbridge featuring local talent.

"Tickets are £5.

"For more information you can check out my gofundme page at www.gofundme.com/serenNYTfund, or look at my event page on Facebook 'Seren's NYT fundraising concert' where I post weekly updates."

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MBE for Cowbridge's longest-serving councillor

A Cowbridge town councillor, Cllr Sue Cox, has received the MBE in Her Majesty the Queen's Birthday Honours list.

The award was for political and voluntary service in the Vale of Glamorgan – was nominated by the Welsh Conservative Leader, Andrew RT Davies, for decades of "unwavering commitment" to the town and charitable sector.

Mr Davies said: "I have known Sue and her husband Geoff for many years and over a considerable period of time she has been an outstanding servant to Cowbridge and the wider Vale.

"She has served the town with distinction, twice as Mayor, as well as being a founder member of the Town Twinning Association and serving as sub-warden of Llanblethian Church."

Mrs Cox told The GEM that although she was born and educated in Swansea, she had lived almost all her married life in Cowbridge.

She is the longest-serving town councillor in Cowbridge, where she is chair of the planning committee, and was a founder member of a number of groups, including the Cowbridge Food Festival, the Cowbridge Charter Trust and the afore-mentioned twinning group. She did, in fact, sign the charter between Cowbridge and Clisson.

She sits on the Valuations Tribunal for Wales.

Cllr Cox is also kept busy as a trustee of a number of groups, including the Cowbridge Charter Trust, the Cowbridge and District Museum, the Cowbridge Institute Charity, the Evan Jenkins Charity, and also the Ystradowen Allotments Charity.

In the last few years, she has given up her role as governor of two local primary schools, Llanfair and Y Bont Faen, after many years on both, and also her place on the Cardiff and Vale University Health Board.

She is a member of the Benefice PCC, representing Llanblethian Church, while another role that she recently stood down from was as chairman of the local Conservative Association.

Andrew RT Davies concluded: "It was a huge honour to nominate Sue for the MBE, which is fully deserved for her dedication and commitment."

Cllr Cox said: "I am honoured to receive the MBE, but I don't see it as personal. It's more an honour that I am accepting on behalf of the many people who give up their time to volunteer in the community."

Parkinson's cafe

THE next meeting of the Parkinson's drop-in cafe is Wednesday, June 20 in the Llantonian Hall, Llantwit Major between 1.30pm and 3.30pm.

We meet every third Wednesday of the month and all are welcome to join us for a cuppa and a chat.

For further information call 01446 796310.

Town council is compling list of defibrillators

COWBRIDGE Town Council (CTC) is trying to establish the location of all defibrillators in Cowbridge and Llanblethian.

Unfortunately there is not a comprehensive list* available and some have been purchased privately.

CTC would be grateful if people could contact me with details of location of defibrillators throughout the Town and in Llanblethian.

Ceri Anderson, Town Clerk Cowbridge (Ancient Borough) with Llanblethian Town Council, Town Hall, Cowbridge, CF71 7AD. Tel/Fax: 01446 773385 or enquiries@cowbridge-tc.gov.uk.

**The GEM publishes monthly as up-to-date a list as it can, but, due to the number of defibrillators in the Vale and Bridgend, it is not possible to include each one, and it is reliant on another body to supply the information.*

Men rescued

THREE young men who set off from Porthkerry beach on an inflatable kayak on Sunday, June 10, were rescued after they were unable to make it back to shore.

A Barry Coastguard spokesman explained: "Around 6.25pm our volunteer team were paged by Milford Haven Coastguard to meet Barry Dock life boat at Barry harbour.

"Three young men had left Porthkerry beach in an inflatable kayak. The problem was that it was made for two people and they didn't have life jackets or any means of communication.

"They soon found themselves struggling to row to get back."

The men were brought safely back to land.

The spokesman advised: "We strongly recommend that blow up boats and toys are not used in an offshore wind – that is when the wind blows from the land out to sea – because they can quickly be swept out to sea.

"Go to a lifeguarded beach if possible and heed the lifeguards' advice."

PETERSTON WI AT THE PROCESSION

PETERSTON WI took part in the Cardiff Procession last Sunday celebrating the centenary of the first votes for women.

The idea behind the procession was to create an artwork celebrating 100 years of women voting, taking place simultaneously in London, Edinburgh, Belfast and Cardiff for one day.

WI groups across the UK were encouraged to take part and inspired by the hand-made banners carried by the Suffragette campaigners, our craft group set about designing and making a banner to parade in the procession.

We spent an afternoon brainstorming ideas about our village, our community spirit and how our village hall acts as the hub of our community for many activities that go on.

We decided to focus on an inspiring woman, Ada Brockett-Grover who lived in the parish in the 1920s and lost her husband in the First World War.

Ada was a strong independent woman who cared a lot about her community and had wanted to provide a place for young people to meet, to develop themselves and overcome challenges and for older people at home (mainly women) to socialise and meet up.

Ada was determined to provide a substantial building that would last and engaged architects and builders to help her with this task.

Ada funded every aspect of the building and what we have today, is an outstanding legacy that has enabled the community of Peterston super Ely to flourish with many community activities taking place in the hall throughout the week.

The resulting banner has Ada as our central feature underneath the metal archway that leads people into our village hall.

We had fun researching the topic and putting together our ideas and using the brilliant sewing skills of some of our members.

As all the craft group wanted to play a part, some of us new to sewing learned some new stitches and were let loose on the banner – and it survived!

A huge thanks to designer Andy Maclean and to DIY expert Chris Finch, who lent their support along the way.

We all really enjoyed taking part in the Procession last Sunday despite the heat – it really was an inspirational day and we were proud to be a part of it.

A special thanks to Green Links rural community transport volunteers who drove us there and back in the community bus. We have only recently joined – what a fantastic resource for the Vale.

Our Peterston WI meets every second Thursday in the month in our village hall at 7:45pm. For further information please contact: Sally-Ann Jenner at: sallyannjenner@hotmail.co.uk or Helen Cahill at: cahillpse@gmail.com.

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Cowbridge Art Society

ON Thursday, June 14 there will be an illustrated lecture on The Art of the Bloomsbury Group by Monmouthshire writer, art historian and lecturer Eleanor Bird (www.blakefriedmann.co.uk/eleanor-bird/) and on Thursday, June 21 there will be a life drawing class run by Cardiff artist Richard O'Connell.

The society welcomes artists of any level, and also non-artists, for demonstrations of various art techniques illustrated lectures on art topics.

We meet on Thursday evenings at the Old Hall, Cowbridge (7pm – 9 pm) and occasional visitors and new members are most welcome. For details of the society's programme and activities collect a programme from the Old Hall, or see www.cowbridgeartsociety.com and www.facebook.com/cowbridgeart.cas.

Dog falls down cliff

LLANTWIT Major Coastguard rescued a dog which had fallen from the cliffs near Nash Point last month.

A coastguard spokesman explained: "Porthcawl lifeboat attempted to reach the dog, but could not safely make their way to her, so the [Llantwit] team and Barry Coastguard rescue team used our rope rescue equipment to reach the dog and bring it back up the cliff to its owners."

Creating new workspaces in the Vale

THE Vale Council's Creative Rural Communities team, are extending an invite for property owners and businesses looking for new workspaces to network at the second 'Inspiring New Workspaces Event'.

This will be an opportunity for people to look for new workspaces to network, showcase workspace opportunities in the Vale, as well as a chance to learn from experts who have created innovative workspaces.

The event will take place on Wednesday, July 4 at Llantwit Major Youth Centre, Station Road, from 5.30pm-8pm.

Over 60 people attended the first event held in January, where experts who have created new vibrant workspaces including Chris Griffiths from Penarth Tec Marina, shared experiences as well as top tips. The films from the first event are now available on the website.

These events follow the team's exploration of opportunities to bring redundant and underused buildings in the rural Vale back into use for business purposes, as well as finding out the views of small businesses into their workspace needs.

Feedback has highlighted that there are landowners in the rural Vale who are unsure what to do with their derelict buildings as well as businesses struggling to find appropriate flexible workspaces.

There is a growing appetite for creating co-working spaces in the Vale, enabling businesses to collaborate and learn from each other.

This project has received funding through the Welsh Government Rural Communities – Rural Development Programme 2014 – 2020 which is funded by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development, the Welsh Government and the Vale Council.

Cllr Jonathan Bird, Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Planning, said: "The first event was a great success with enthusiasm from those attending to learn more about the opportunities to convert and renovate rural buildings into inspiring workspaces. This second event will encourage further collaboration between those people with spaces and those looking for workspaces, to take first steps towards creating pioneering workspaces in the rural Vale."

The aim of the event is to facilitate matchmaking between those with spaces and those looking for spaces. If you have a redundant or underused building which you are considering converting for business use, this is your opportunity. Equally, if you're looking for a workspace, we would like to hear from you.

If you would like to attend, you can register with Clair Bonter on 01446 704828; more information about the project is available at www.creativeruralcommunities.co.uk.

Creu Gweithleoedd Ysbrydoledig Newydd yn y Fro Wledig

MAE Tîm Cymunedau Gwledig Creadigol Cyngor Bro Morgannwg yn gwahodd perchenogion eiddo a busnesau sy'n chwilio am weithleoedd newydd i rwydweithio yn yr ail 'Ddigwyddiad Gweithleoedd Ysbrydoledig Newydd'.

Bydd hwn yn gyfle i bobl sy'n chwilio am weithleoedd newydd rwydweithio a gall pobl sydd â lle ddangos y cyfleoedd sydd ganddynt ar gyfer gweithleoedd yn y Fro yn ogystal â chael cyfle i ddysgu gan arbenigwyr sydd wedi creu gweithleoedd arloesol newydd.

Mae'r digwyddiad yn cymryd lle ar ddydd Mercher 4 Gorffennaf, yn Ganolfan Ieuenctid Llanilltud Fawr, ar Heol Gorsaf o 5.30pm-8pm.

Aeth mwy na 60 o bobl i'r digwyddiad cyntaf a gynhaliwyd ym mis Ionawr, lle rhannodd arbenigwyr sydd wedi creu gweithleoedd bywiog newydd, gan gynnwys Chris Griffiths o Penarth Tec Marina, brofiadau yn ogystal ag awgrymiadau arbennig.

Mae'r digwyddiadau hyn yn dilyn ymchwil y tîm ar chwilio am gyfleoedd i geisio defnyddio adeiladau gwag nad ydynt yn cael eu defnyddio yn y Fro wledig at ddibenion busnes yn ogystal â chanfod safbwyntiau busnesau bach ar eu hanghenion o ran gweithle.

Mae adborth wedi amlygu nad yw tirfeddianwyr yn y Fro wledig yn siŵr beth i'w wneud gyda'u hadeiladau gwag a bod busnesau'n cael trafferth dod o hyd i weithleoedd hyblyg priodol. Mae mwy o alw i greu mannau cydweithio ym Mro Morgannwg sy'n galluogi busnesau i gydweithio a dysgu gan ei gilydd.

Mae'r project hwn wedi derbyn cyllid trwy Raglen Datblygu Gwledig 2014-2020 Cymunedau Gwledig Llywodraeth Cymru, a ariennir gan y Gronfa Amaethyddol Ewropeaidd ar gyfer Datblygu Gwledig, Llywodraeth Cymru a Chyngor Bro Morgannwg.

Dywedodd y Cynghorydd Jonathan Bird, Aelod Cabinet Cyngor Bro Morgannwg dros Adfywio a Chynllunio: "Roedd y digwyddiad cyntaf yn llwyddiant mawr gyda'r rhai a aeth iddo yn dangos brwdfrydedd dros ddysgu mwy am y cyfleoedd i newid ac adnewyddu adeiladau gwledig yn weithleoedd ysbrydoledig. Bydd yr ail ddigwyddiad hwn yn annog mwy o gydweithio rhwng y bobl hynny sydd â lle a'r rhai hynny sy'n chwilio am weithleoedd er mwyn cymryd y camau cyntaf tuag at greu gweithleoedd arloesol yn y Fro wledig. Byddwn yn annog unrhyw un sydd â diddordeb i fynd i'r digwyddiad."

Bwriad y digwyddiad yw hwyluso'r broses o baru'r rhai hynny sydd â lle a'r rhai hynny sy'n chwilio am le. Os oes gennych adeilad gwag neu adeilad nad yw'n cael ei ddefnyddio'n aml rydych yn ystyried ei newid at ddibenion busnes, dyma'ch cyfle i ddangos yr hyn sydd gennych i'w gynnig. Yn yr un modd, os ydych yn chwilio am weithle, hoffem glywed gennych.

Os hoffech fynychu'r digwyddiad, gallwch gofrestru eich diddordeb gyda Clair Bonter ar 01446 704828 neu gallwch sicrhau eich lle ar y wefan.

Am fwy o wybodaeth ar y prosiect, ewch i'r wefan www.creativeruralcommunities.co.uk.

Vale MP welcomes new Youth Cabinet

VALE of Glamorgan MP, Alun Cairns, met the new Vale of Glamorgan Youth Cabinet during their first meeting after being elected in April by the Vale Youth Forum.

Niclas Want has recently been elected as Youth Mayor alongside Daley Chapman, who will be the Deputy Youth Mayor, as they both go into their second term of being members of the Youth Cabinet.

The Youth Cabinet gives young people an opportunity to express their views and represent their opinions to the decision makers in the Vale of Glamorgan Council.

Local MP, Alun Cairns, said: "It is brilliant to see so many young people so involved and interested in politics.

"The Youth Cabinet offers young people an opportunity to develop an understanding of politics and the process of how our Council, Assembly and Parliament work, an opportunity they would not otherwise have.

"I was asked some tough questions, as expected, but it was great to be challenged by some of my younger constituents."

MEET YOUR LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT

WHY not come along to Gibbonsdown 'Cuppa with a Copper' held every Monday morning at the Aberaeron HUB, Aberaeron Close between 10am and 12 noon.

Cadoc 'Cuppa with a Copper' at Victoria Park Community Centre every Monday morning between 10am and 11am.

Castleland Police surgery at Morrisons Supermarket between 2.30pm and 4.30pm on Wednesday, June 27.

Penarth officers are holding a 'drop-in' session at Penarth Police Station between 4.30pm to 5.30pm on Thursday, June 14.

Llantwit Major Police surgery on Thursday, June 7 between 10.30am and 11.30 am at Llantwit Major Library, Boverton Road, Llantwit Major.

A vote of thanks to our troops

Welsh Secretary **ALUN CAIRNS** reports to GEM readers

IN the last two weeks, I have been reminded of and inspired by the incredible spirit and determination of our armed forces.

The Armed Forces Day Parade and Festival last weekend on Barry Island was a great opportunity to be able to thank and show my support to our armed forces, and their families past and present.

Thank you to the Vale Council for organising such a great event and congratulations to them on the Silver Award from the Armed Forces Covenant Employee Recognition Scheme.

The marching parade included many Armed Forces Groups, Veterans and Cadets including MoD St Athan, HMS *Cambria*, 203 Field Hospital Volunteers, 614 Squadron, Cadet Associations, Veterans, Royal British Legion, Merchant Navy and the Royal Air Forces Association.

Thank you to all the bands who also added to the great atmosphere on the day.

The previous week, in my role as Secretary of State for Wales, I met serving Welsh Guards on a visit to Afghanistan.

It was a particular privilege to meet Guardsman Nathan Howells, 27, from Llantwit Major, Lance Corporal Oliver Moseley, 26, from Cowbridge and Lance Corporal Callum Howells, 21, from Llantwit Major who are doing a heroic job in a volatile and often dangerous environment.

During the brief visit to Afghan capital, Kabul, I was able to sit down with the soldiers of the Welsh Guards and learn more about their role in providing security and mentoring help to Afghan officials as the country's Government continues its work of reconstruction.

There are currently 260 members of the Welsh Guards battle group deployed to Kabul as part of NATO's Resolute Support Mission from all parts of Wales.

I was able to visit the Regiment's base camp, sat in on preparations for a patrol and also learned more about their support for the Afghan National Army Officer Academy – often called to the country's equivalent of Sandhurst – which is producing the Afghan army's future officer corps.

Having heard from the soldiers first-hand about their life in Kabul, I am incredibly proud of what the Welsh Guards are doing.

This is a regiment with a century-long history of serving across the world in conflicts from World War Two to Palestine and the Falklands. They are now on their third tour of duty in Afghanistan, and showing the incredible spirit they always do.

While I have always championed our Welsh servicemen and women, being in Afghanistan really brought home to me the work they do in dangerous circumstances.

All of Wales owes them a vote of thanks.

Llancarfan parents are 'not impressed' with second council consultation plan

PLANS to move a Vale primary school five miles away to a new building have been labelled 'cynical' by campaigners after new details emerged.

The Vale Council wants to move Llancarfan Primary School to a new £4m building in Rhoose where hundreds of homes are being built.

The council launched a second consultation on the plans following concerns from campaigners about the ethos of the school and its feeder links, as well as the effect it would have on the village.

Further details on feeder links and catchment areas, transport, and the future of the current Llancarfan Primary School building were revealed in the revised consultation document.

But campaigners say the council has lost credibility by launching a second consultation, which they say does not allay their fears.

The Llancarfan School Action Group said in a statement: "The second consultation is both flawed and cynical in its timing, launched in the run-up to the long summer break when the council might expect fewer people to respond.

"Having lost the argument first time around, the council has simply re-issued the original proposal with cosmetic changes. The plan remains exactly the same as before – to close a much-loved and effective village school in order to open a new and larger school on a housing development in Rhoose.

"However the action committee is determined to fight on the facts, highlighting the weaknesses in the council's arguments and calculations, and ensuring that engagement from parents, local residents and other stakeholders remains high.

"To this end we're urging everyone who responded the first time around to do so again. We cannot be complacent with so much at stake for our children and local communities."

The council has previously said the changes are necessary as hundreds of homes – including 350 at Rhoose Point – are being built and a new school is needed to keep up with demand for places.

But the action committee said the council has made "cynical alterations" to the first consultation document to bolster its case and exaggerates the negatives of the current school.

"The latest proposal is flawed in another crucial respect," the statement adds.

"It fails to consider the impact of having two schools in Rhoose operating as separate schools just half a mile apart. If one became oversubscribed through parental choice the other would be seen as the second-choice school in Rhoose."

As part of the plans, catchment areas for local schools would change to accommodate the new school.

Current feeder school links to Cowbridge Comprehensive School would be retained for Llancarfan Primary pupils and their siblings on the date of the new building opening.

A wider review into catchment areas for all schools in the Vale is due to take place in 2018-19.

Free transport would be provided to primary pupils who live more than two miles walking distance away from the proposed new school.

Cllr Bob Penrose, the Vale Council cabinet member for learning and culture, said: "We are currently conducting a consultation exercise over proposals for a £4m investment that would see Llancarfan Primary School move into a new state-of-the-art building as part of the council's 21st Century Schools programme.

"Given that the consultation process remains ongoing it would be inappropriate to comment further at this stage." **LDR**

AM's worries over youth workers

JANE Hutt fears that a reshaping of youth services in her constituency could result in the loss of up to 30 trained part-time youth workers.

The Vale AM is concerned over what she regards as inadequate consultation over the proposal.

She said at the National Assembly that the plan has been put forward by the local authority.

Ms Hutt said: "I understand there has been no direct consultation with the young people, the Vale Youth Forum or the elected youth cabinet in line with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

"I also understand the South Wales Police Commissioner hasn't been consulted in terms of the impact on young people and prevention of crime.

"There has been no formal consultation with the trade unions representing the youth workers. I'd be grateful for a statement on this matter."

Leader of the House and fellow Labour AM Julie James, said she was "not aware" of the details of the matter Ms Hutt had raised.

She said: "I will explore what we can do once we have got the detail from you."

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Rethink on 'moronic' glamping proposal

Rob Curtis celebrated the council's decision by putting up a nesting box. He said: "This is the only development that should be allowed at Porthkerry."

PLANS to lease out acres of two popular Vale country parks for glamping sites have been scaled back by the council.

On June 6, the Vale Council decided to drop plans for parts of Porthkerry Country Park to be turned into a site for "high-quality camping pods".

Plans for a similar scheme at Cosmeston Lakes will need further detail before being taken any further following an announcement by the council's cabinet.

The cabinet had approved the scheme but was met with public outcry against the plans after more than 2,000 people signed a petition to halt the scheme at Porthkerry.

A council environment and regeneration scrutiny committee expressed its disapproval of the plans and sent it back to the cabinet following a 'call-in' by Labour councillor Lis Burnett over fears of "creeping privatisation" of the land and leaving it off-limits to the public.

Cllr Jonathan Bird, cabinet member for regeneration and planning, recommended the council change its plans following the concerns, which the cabinet accepted.

Cllr John Thomas, leader of Vale Council, said: "It's important to note there was a lot of public concern about the proposals in Porthkerry and cabinet have reacted in a suitable manner to halt these proposals."

The council had previously said it was exploring commercial opportunities to make the parks more financially sustainable.

Critics questioned the lack of detail in the proposal such as how much money could be made from the changes and how widely publicised it had been before the original decision was made.

Plaid Cymru councillor Steffan Wiliam, who was part of the committee which sent the glamping plans back to cabinet, said: "I'm delighted because lots of local people and from further afield are glad Porthkerry can now maintain its natural beauty and not become something sanitised, synthetic and overdeveloped.

"It was a moronic proposal and utterly unnecessary. Overdeveloping Porthkerry Park would turn it into something people don't want to visit."

Rob Curtis, co-ordinator for the campaign and petition calling for no commercial development at Porthkerry Country park, said he still had concerns about Cosmeston.

"I welcome the Vale Council's u-turn on seeking the commercial development of Porthkerry Country Park but am concerned that they are continuing to seek the commercial development of Cosmeston Country Park.

"Following the 'State of Nature Report', it is vital that all areas of government do their utmost to conserve the remaining biodiversity we have left in the UK, not seek to develop them!

"We will continue to monitor the decisions of the Vale Council to ensure they follow wildlife friendly policies at Porthkerry."

He added: "Finally, may I take this opportunity to thank all the 2,350 people who signed our online petition and the local residents who displayed our posters; without them, the Vale Council would never have listened." **GR**

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On song with the Spectrum Singers

A PENARTH choir is raising money in support of Refugee Week for local charities Croeso Penarth and Sharedydd with a concert of music 'inspired' by the recent Royal Wedding.

The concert takes place during Refugee Week on Monday, June 18 and marries works by American and British composers performed by Spectrum Singers.

Earlier this year, the chamber choir premiered a new choral work celebrating the Vale on BBC Radio 3, as part of the Making Music's Adopt a Composer project.

Musical director David Hutchings said: "We first performed this concert programme on the day of the Royal Wedding and it was amazing how many elements of the day were reflected in the music from Californian blue skies and sunshine in a Beach Boys medley to a show-stopping Deep South spiritual.

We even had a bit of McCartney to round off the evening…"

Crisis, the national charity for homeless people, was one of the charities chosen to benefit from donations marking the wedding of Prince Harry and Ms Meghan Markle. In line with the royal couple's charitable causes, Croeso Penarth is working towards providing a home for a Syrian refugee family, while Sharedydd arranges temporary accommodation with volunteer hosts for those seeking asylum.

A number of Spectrum Singers' choristers raise their voices in support of refugees and asylum seekers.

Baritone David Bacon supports Sharedydd and the Wales-wide Nation of Sanctuary project. He said: "With so many people world-wide fleeing conflict or persecution it's great to be able to do something, however small, to help those who come to our locality to rebuild their lives and in time contribute to our community.

"So many members of the Welsh Assembly and Government want to do what they can to provide a welcome to those seeking sanctuary here and so I was delighted that we could help in this year's choral invitation to our annual Sanctuary in the Senedd awareness-raising event."

United – An Evening Concert with Spectrum Singers at Tabernacle Baptist Church, Plassey Street, Penarth is on Monday, June 18 at 7.30pm.

Entrance is free and there will be an opportunity to make donations and talk with representatives of Croeso Penarth and Sharedydd.

Further information: www.spectrumsingers.org.uk. **AS**

Village show in Peterston

THE village of Peterston-super-Ely is holding its annual flower show on Saturday, June 30, 2.30pm to 5pm in the church and community hall.

There are floral, fruit and vegetable, culinary and children's classes in the show.

Admission is £1 (children free) and more information can be obtained from the Hon Secretary, Huw Potter (01446 760672). The closing date for entries is Wednesday, June 27.

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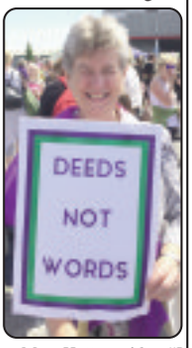
AM's trip to Suffragette City

LAST weekend, Vale AM Jane Hutt joined the Suffragettes' procession through Cardiff meeting women's groups from across the Vale, including WI groups from Barry, Dinas Powys, and Peterson super Ely.



She joined the Vale Women's Forum and women from Romilly Road who had made a banner, to support the 8,000 who registered to process in memory of the suffragettes of 1918, when the vote was granted to women over the age of 30, and all men over the age of 21.

Previously, all women and many poor men had been excluded from voting.

Ms Hutt said: "I remembered the suffragettes from Barry, including Annie Vaughan Jones from Porth y Castell and so many more.

"We must now make sure we follow their motto 'Deeds not Words."

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WHAT'S ON - NEWS IN BRIEF

Diabetes event

THE next meeting of the Vale Diabetes UK voluntary group is on Tuesday, June 19 in the Board Room, Llandough Hospital, Penarth between 7.30pm – 9pm.

The speaker will be a representative from the Stroke Association, giving a talk on stroke awareness and prevention, also giving free blood pressure checks. All welcome!

Care and Repair

IF you are a homeowner or private tenant living in the Vale; perhaps elderly or disabled and in need of advice on repairs or home improvements?

Care and Repair Cardiff and Vale can help adapt and maintain your home, give advice on grants available and information on reputable companies to use. Care and Repair will hold a session at Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry on Tuesday, June 19 from 10am to 12pm.

No appointment is needed, call 01446 732385 for further information.

Rallying for the troops (AND SAILORS, AIRMEN, AND THEIR FAMILIES)

FORMER RAF bomb disposal operative Steven Jones will be racing across Europe as part of Rally for Heroes, in aid of Armed Forces' charity SSAFA (formerly Soldiers Sailors, Airmen and Families Association).

Steven Jones, his TVR Chimaera 400, and Alun Cairns MP.

Over 10 days, Mr Jones, who has PTSD, will drive more than 3,000 miles through 10 countries including Luxembourg, Croatia, Bosnia and Italy, along with rally drivers from across the UK.

Mr Jones developed PTSD after he left the Armed Forces, and said: "I want to help raise money for the SSAFA as a way of saying thank you for the invaluable help I received."

Vale MP Alun Cairns met Mr Jones recently and described him as "... a credit to the local community.

"This is a huge feat, but I know Steven's determination will see him through the challenge.

"The SSAFA provides lifelong support to serving men, women and veterans from the British Armed Forces.

"Without the SSAFA many veterans and others who benefit from the charity, wouldn't be able to recover and return to normality after serving.

"Steven has suffered incredibly with PTSD but hasn't let this stop him – he wants to give back to those who helped him onto the road to recovery."

The rally starts at Horse Guards Parade on August 2.

To donate to Mr Jones's fundraising effort, visit uk.virginmoneygiving.com/stevenjones39.

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Staff from Wales & West Utilities rolled up their sleeves and spent the day shifting over 22 tonnes of material from Cosmeston Lakes County Park and Mediaeval Village as part of a project to improve the experience to visitors.

Cosmeston Lakes 'visitor experience boosted by team'

A TEAM from Wales & West Utilities rolled up their sleeves and spent the day shifting over 22 tonnes of material from Cosmeston Lakes County Park and Mediaeval Village as part of a project to improve the experience to visitors.

The staff, who work at the company's headquarters in Newport's Celtic Springs, joined forces with Park Rangers, Business in the Community (BITC) Cymru and adults with learning difficulties to complete the environmental makeover.

The event was run by BITC Cymru as part of its Action Day initiative.

The team spent hours removing the large amount of stone dust and aggregate before setting about resurfacing pathways around the 100-hectare site.

Wales & West Utilities Head of IT, Craig Armstrong, was instrumental in leading the project and said: "It's great to see members of the local community and organisations come together to get involved and help transform the park in such a small amount of time. Together we have accomplished a lot and the experience has been fantastic.

"As a company we are committed to encouraging our colleagues to volunteer within their local community and this is just the sort of project where, together, we have made a real difference."

Wales & West Utilities has been working in partnership with BITC Cymru for a number of years and in 2016 was named Wales Responsible Large Business of the Year after being recognised for its commitment to responsible business and success in embedding responsible business practices throughout its operations.

Matt Appleby, Director of BITC Cymru added: "Employee volunteering is one of the most powerful ways businesses can support communities across Wales.

It can provide the resources to achieve otherwise unrealisable tasks for many organisations, improve physical spaces and allow in-kind savings. Taken together, Action Day projects like Wales & West Utilities' mean that more funds can be invested elsewhere.

"Employee volunteering is a win-win-win for businesses, employees and communities throughout Wales and it is fantastic to see one of our leading responsible employers, Wales & West Utilities, taking part in Action Days."

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Singathon raises funds for Noah's Ark

NINE-MONTH-OLD Lewis Grech inspired his father, Chris Grech, to host a singathon to raise money for Noah's Ark Children's Hospital charity.

Chris and Matt leading the 'singathon'.

Chris had organised the singathon with good friend, Matt, and the pair took to the stage for five hours at Marco's Café in Barry Island on Bank Holiday Monday, May 28.

The sun was shining and they raised close to £2,000 including off-line donations.

Mr Grech had been inspired to raise money for the Noah's Ark charity because his son, Lewis, was born in May 2017 with a rare genetic disorder called Treacher Collins syndrome.

This affects the growth of bone and tissue in the face and Lewis was born without ears. He also has a cleft palate and a small jaw.

Lewis is moderately to severely deaf, but is able to hear with the help of hearing aids. Mr Grech said: "My wife and I are extremely grateful to the Noah's Ark Children's Hospital who have saved Lewis' life twice.

"The Noah's Ark Children's Hospital is such a wonderful facility and we consider ourselves so lucky to only live a mile or two away.

"The singathon was a huge success, the weather was glorious and we are so pleased with what we have raised.

"A big thanks to everyone who came down and to everyone who helped. A special thank you, though, to Marco Zeraschi of the legendary Marco's Cafe for having us."

The event brought together families and friends in the sunshine, including Freddie, a boy from Newport who also has Treacher Collins syndrome.

It is a rare condition so the family were not expecting to see another case so geographically close to Lewis.

There is a JustGiving page dedicated to the event where people can still donate: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/christopher-grech.

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Messy Church

MESSY Church will be held this coming Sunday, June 17 in the Reading Room, Bonvilston (opposite Old Village Shop) from 2.30pm-4pm.

We extend a warm welcome to youngsters (and toddlers, with their parents); there will be activities for all the family: lots of crafty things to make, a Bible story, a bit of singing and plenty of refreshments (and we'll probably celebrate Father's Day).

If you haven't been before, why not give it a go? Further information from Rev Lee Dutfield on 07784 869020, Canon Martyn Davies on 01446 760498 or Ann Roach on 01446 781309.

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News in brief

Spinners and weavers

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Dementia support

IF you are looking after someone with dementia or Alzheimer's disease, Admiral Care can help; they work with people and their families affected by these conditions, offering one to one support by specialist dementia care nurses.

You can come along to Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry on Tuesday, June 19 between 10am and 12pm. This is a drop-in session so no appointment is needed.

Call 01446 732385 for further information.

ANN Davies, chairman of the Glamorgan Federation of Women's Institutes, issued an invitation to federation members to climb to the top of Pen y Fan with her.

Pen y Fan is the highest peak situated in the Brecon Beacons National Park.

At 886 metres or 2,907 feet above sea level, and with some strenuous mountain walking, this was certainly a challenge.

On May 18, 39 ladies rose to this challenge and set off in excellent spirits.

The walk was organised by the federation's very active Sports and Leisure Committee, which also ordered the weather in advance and it was, indeed a beautiful day.

Experienced walkers led the group and all the ladies were suitably shod and prepared for all eventualities.

All reached the top and were rightly proud of themselves!

Jerusalem was sung with gusto at the summit, attracting the attention of other walkers including a member from Swindon WI who had her photograph taken with them. It was a day to remember.

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FALLEN KINGDOM IS FLAWED AND WHOLLY UNDERWHELMING

WHILE the return to the world of dinosaurs in 2015's *Jurassic World* was expected to be big, given how much of a cultural entity the franchise is, it's doubtful that anyone expected it to be $1.627 billion big.

A sequel was always on the cards, and *Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom* picks up the story from where we left off previously. When a volcano on the island, where the now-destroyed Jurassic World was, becomes live, Owen (Chris Pratt) and Claire (Bryce Dallas Howard) return to try and save them from being wiped out all over again.

However, their actions have unintended consequences and the world of the dinosaurs soon becomes embroiled with our own...

Much like life, as phrased so beautifully by Jeff Goldblum in 1993's *Jurassic Park*, the *Jurassic*... franchise has found a way to survive in this new world of blockbusters, primarily through the nostalgia-fuelled thrill ride that was 2015's *Jurassic World*.

But *Fallen Kingdom* is a film that knows it has to evolve and grow rather than rely on clever throwbacks to films past, and it's fair to say that it doesn't quite succeed in doing that, the film a reasonably solid blockbuster hampered by a story that at best is wooly and meandering, and at worst is down right terrible.

The film is essentially split in two – the first half takes place on the island as Owen and Claire (reunited in a ham-fisted way) along with two somewhat annoying sidekicks and a whole troop of grizzled special forces-esque men reeking of double-cross attempt to save the remaining dinosaurs from a second extinction with the island's volcano ready to blow (great bit of forward planning to Richard Hammond for building a multi-billion dollar theme park on an idling volcano).

The second part takes place in northern California where the worlds of man and dinosaur meet (and, sadly, if you've seen any of the later trailers you've seen the main beats of this half).

The first half is the more enjoyable, a romp that balances danger, disaster, perils and laughs in the way the early films knew how to do, and climaxes with arguably one of the most beautifully tragic shots of the entire franchise.

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The second half, however, loses all momentum and becomes a schlocky horror (and this is no mean feat for a 12A certificate that really pushes the limits) full of shady characters whose life expectancy is diminishing by the second and awkwardly-made points about science, genetics, nature and moral obligations.

Both halves are directed with no little style by JA Bayona, the first half's wanton destruction echoing his work on tsunami film *The Impossible*, while the second plays to his horror chops which, if you've seen *The Orphanage*, you know are pretty impressive.

His use of shadows to build tension, and a slightly unsettling feel where danger seemingly lurks around every corner, is the highlight of the film, giving it its own sense of personality rather than trying to slavishly ape Spielberg.

Unfortunately the plot is the biggest weak link here, full of moments that wouldn't feel out of place in the most cheesy of soap operas, reveals that just don't work, and full of cliched characters that feel like cardboard cutouts devoid of personality.

Even the returning faces lack development – Chris Pratt is, as always, charm personified as Owen, but his character doesn't shift gears while Bryce Dallas Howard's Claire, the flinty, business-driven CEO of the first film, undergoes a radical shift in outlook becoming a dinosaur rights campaigner, but her journey is underdeveloped and unconvincing.

Even the much-lauded return of Jeff Goldblum's Ian Malcolm adds up to around one minute of screen time and that is devoid of the wit and warmth the actor is capable of.

The new dinosaur – the IndoRaptor – is certainly a terrifying and malevolent creature, one that makes an appearance late in the day to wreak havoc, but even then you feel the powers of the creature aren't fully explored to their potential.

It all makes for an underwhelming exercise, certainly not short of spectacle (and let's be honest, that's what these films thrive on) but certainly trying too hard to carry a message that is delivered in such a messy and haphazard manner.

It's a shame as, with *Jurassic World 3* already announced, there's plenty of scope and ideas as to where the franchise can go next – hopefully it makes a better fist of it than this effort.

VERDICT – An uneven blockbuster enlivened hugely by JA Bayona's atmospheric direction but leavened by a script and story that is unengaging, *Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom* has thrills and spills to spare, but ultimately just doesn't truly connect.

Bayona deserves a better narrative to work with, and does his best, but that's about the only real positive you can take from it. Disappointing.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Jurassic World* (2015), *Jurassic Park: The Lost World* (1997).

What's on - News in Brief

Local author speaks

AUTHOR and broadcaster Mari Griffith is giving a talk on Thursday, June 14 at 7pm in Rhoose Community Library.

Tickets are £5 with a complimentary glass of wine on arrival. Mari's talk is entitled 'Medieval Underpants: the perils and pitfalls of writing historical fiction'. There will be a Q and A and book signing at the end of the evening.

Coastguard talk

THE Flatholm Society is hosting a talk on the Penarth Coastguard by Greg Mckinny, deputy station officer at the Kymin, Beach Road, Penarth, on Thursday, June 21 at 7pm.

There will be a donation of £2-£3 to cover costs, raffle and refreshments. For further information, contact Peter Sampson on 01446 404842 or email pb.sampson@ntlworld.com.

Lunchtime concerts

JUNE is the second month of the Music@Lunchtime series at All Saints' Church, Barry.

These concerts take place between 1pm and 2pm and concertgoers are invited to bring their lunch to enjoy; tea, coffee and soft drinks are provided, and entry is free although people are encouraged to contribute towards a retiring collection towards various aspects of the mission of the church.

On **June 16** we welcome Dragon Brass, a newly formed first year brass dectet who attend the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama. They play under the guidance of the renowned bass trombone player of The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and Superbrass, Roger Argente.

Dragon Brass got to the finals of the Phillip Jones Brass Ensemble prize within three months of being an ensemble and the members are from all around the United Kingdom. You are assured of a hugely varied and enjoyable programme.

Book sale in Penarth

THE Friends of Penarth Library are having a book sale at the library on Saturday, June 16 between 10am and 1pm.

Councillors' surgery

LLANTWIT First Independent Councillors will hold a surgery at the Heritage Centre, Town Hall, Llantwit Major on Saturday, June 16 from 9.30am until 11.30am. Residents who have any issue to raise are welcome to attend.

Ward Councillors surgery

THE Labour Councillors for Buttrills, Cadoc, Castleland and Court Wards will hold their monthly advice surgery on Saturday, June 16 in the Small Community Room, Barry Library, King Square from 10am until 11am. No appointment necessary.

Rock 'n roll at the Con Club

THE next Rock 'n' Roll dance, featuring Rock 'N' Roll Revival will be at the Conservative Club, Penarth on Saturday, June 30 at 8pm. All are welcome.

Hitting the high seas with Welsh Camerata on June 22

WHEN you think about ancient choral music, you probably think of pieces written for the church, and little else.

The Early Music specialist choir The Welsh Camerata choir, run by Barry residents Tim and Beatrice Pearce, would like to disabuse you of this idea at its next concert.

The title *All At Sea* is meant both literally and figuratively.

Yes, a number of the pieces in the concert are about the sea – storms, flying fishes, pilchards, that kind of thing – but they also include weird experiments by early musicians, such as a short piece in which every chord is a discord; another in which the choir imitates tuning a guitar and one which brings together shouts, insults and hunting cries from the early 17th-Century Border Marches.

All in all, a whole lot of fun.

So if you thought you knew all about 16th-18th Century music, come to this concert and discover a completely new side to entertainment in those far gone days.

The concert will be directed by the early music specialist Andrew Wilson-Dickson and some of the pieces will be accompanied by viols.

'All At Sea!' takes place at Canton Uniting Church, Theobald Road, Canton, Cardiff (CF5 1LR) on Friday, June 22 at 7.30pm.

Tickets priced £10 (£8 concessions) can be bought online at: www.welshcamerata.org/concerts.php and will also be available on the door.

The price of the ticket includes tea and cakes. For a taste of Welsh Camerata performing, visit https://youtu.be/vBA2CPk3MGkt.

TIM PEARCE

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Open June 16 and 17, admission: adult £4, children free at The Birches, Dingle Close, Barry, (CF62 6QR).

Cefn Cribwr Garden Club, Bridgend.

CEFN Cribwr is an old mining village atop a ridge with views to Swansea in the west, Somerset to the south and home to Bedford Park and the Cefn Cribwr Iron Works.

The village hall is at the centre with teas, cakes and plants for sale. The allotments are to be found behind the hall. Children, art and relaxation are just some of the themes to be found in the gardens besides the flower beds and vegetables.

There are also water features, fish ponds, wildlife ponds, summerhouses and hens adding to the diverse mix. Themed colour borders, roses, greenhouses, recycling, composting and much more. The chapel grounds are peaceful with a woodland trail meandering off.

Open June 17, admission: adult £4.50, children free at Cefn Cribwr Garden Club, Cefn Cribwr, Bridgend (CF32 0AP).

Transporting Bridgend back to the World War eras...

ON Saturday, June 16, Bridgend town centre will once again be transported back in time to the wartime eras.

This event saw over 3,000 people attending last year, and this year, to mark the centenary of the end of World War I, the event will be a mix of both World War I and World War II interactive stalls, demonstrations, re-enactments, exhibitions and entertainment for all ages.

This year will feature a 1:1-scale replica WWI Bristol Scout biplane, an array of vintage vehicles together with a multitude of realistic demonstrations – minus the gas attacks – from experts showing how life had to be lived in that era among many other attractions

Live entertainment will take place throughout the day, and a George Formby-lookalike will mingle and serenade the crowds, with Winston and Monty making a special appearance for the day.

Bridgend allotmenteers will show how the Dig for Victory campaign was put into reality; various local military organisations will add their expertise to the event

A full exhibition centre is available at Carnegie House in Wyndham Street to entertain and inform the public withisplays by Michael Ridley, Cheryl Hart and Natalie Murphy, featuring photographs and postcards from the era and an extensive military display complete with a fully constructed Anderson Shelter.

Wartime walks by local historian John Dunkley-Williams.

The event will also mark the role played by Bridgend in World War.

Wartime Bridgend promises to be a unique experience in historical terms for the Bridgend area and will be great day out for all the family.

Further details can be found on www.facebook.com/wartimebridgend and #WartimeBridgend.

Messy church

ALL Saints Church in Victoria Square, Penarth, is holding a special Messy Church event in the church grounds on Sunday, June 17 to celebrate Fathers' Day, starting at 4pm.

There will be a barbecue, lots of games and activities plus a short time of worship, all on the theme 'The Soldier's Faith'. Entry is free although donations towards the cost of food are appreciated. All are welcome (especially dads!).

For more information visit www.allsaintspenarth.org.uk.

Valeways guided walk

ON Wednesday, June 20 at 10.30am the Coffee Shop Strollers of Cosmeston will meet outside the visitor centre, Cosmeston Country Park.

'Let's go fly a kite and send it soaring...'

ART4U IS hosting the Skybration 2018 Kite Festival from 5pm on Thursday, June 21.

Glyn Pooley explained: "It's an afternoon and evening of kites, art and fun for all ages.

"The event, now in its ninth year has grown more exciting each year and is becoming a real spectacle in the skies above Barry on the longest day of the year.

"The Vale Council will be running a kite and windsock-making workshop from 5pm and the kite parade begins at 6pm.

"We love to see as many different kinds of kites as possible, so there will be a prize for the most exciting and creative one on show.

"Be as creative as you like and the winner will be featured on our website.

"Kite surfers are welcome. As a special treat this year professional kitesperson Wayne Kiteman from Perth, Australia will be flying and sharing the beauty of his specialist kites.

"We will also have the wonderful performer Pete Gamble who was such a hit last year with his flying machine."

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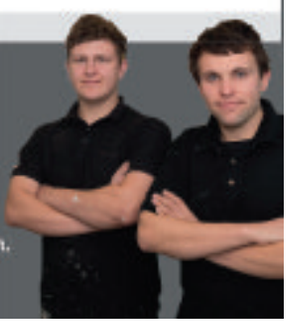

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Welcome visitors old and new to our picturesque seaside town during the summer months.

COMMUNITY TO THE FORE AS TOWN PREPARES FOR BIG EVENTS!

IN recent years, the town of Llantwit Major has become expert in hosting big community events.

Much of the thanks for this should go to the local events committee, Llantwit Major and Cowbridge Lions and the many volunteers who devote their spare time to ensuring things proceed smoothly.

Christmas celebrations, market days, charity fashion shows and summer fun – they are all covered.

Byron Evans, chairman of the events committee, said: "A number of other organisations also contribute to making events successful including Llantwit Town Council, Sarah Jones and the events team at the Vale Council and the rugby club, which is providing us with the venue for our next big day."

In just over a week's time – on Saturday, June 23 – the summer fair will take place at the rugby club. It will run from 10am until 5pm and there will be something for everyone whatever their age.

Byron said: "We've got a full programme for the stage and the arena. There will be craft, produce and charity stalls.

"A 'have-a-go' area will give youngsters the chance to try out new activities and sports such as football, rugby, tennis and air rifles.

"Paul Jones and his Tae Kwon Do team will be putting on a demo and people will be amazed by what they see.

"There will also be a remote-control model area and visitors can decide whether they want to become a member of a club."

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Last year's fair was roars-ome!

32 years of glo-Rio-us ladies' fashions in Llantwit Major!

IT is 32 years this summer since Rio ladies' clothing shop opened in Llantwit Major.

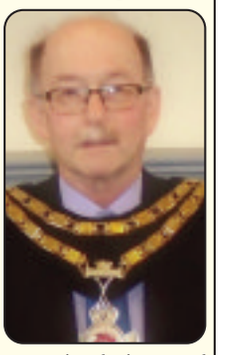
How wonderful to remember all the different fashions and fabulous outfits my customers have enjoyed over those years... and it's been my pleasure making sure that those special outfits and gift purchases were absolutely the perfect thing for my customers.

A large range of sterling silver and precious stone jewellery was introduced about 15 years ago and has proved to be very popular, so Rio continues to develop that side of the business,

Here at Rio, we are always introducing great new fashion ranges, official stockists of Joe Browns and the fabulous Desigual ranges – Rio is the only stockist in south Wales, plus Pomodoro, Adini and Marble collections.

This summer, Rio has introduced the fabulous German Robell trouser range, proving to be best sellers - they are a perfect, comfortable fit and all leg lengths are available.

'Llantwit Major always provides warm welcome' by Cllr David Ellis, Mayor of Llantwit Major



AS Mayor of Llantwit Major, I welcome people to our beautiful town with its outstanding heritage, ancient churches and buildings and coastal location.

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Do please visit us – I look forward to seeing you.

THE VICTORIA INN OFFERS THE SPICE OF LIFE!

OVER at the Victoria Inn, Beryl told The GEM all about some of its features and surprises.

For example, did you know that it has guest accommodation comprising four en-suite guest rooms? Ideally situated right in lovely Siginstone, it is convenient for family visits to the Vale or as part of a weekend, or indeed, weekday getaway.

Guests will hardly wish to leave the pub, though.

Beryl said that all of its speciality nights are proving popular.

"Tuesday and Friday are steak nights," began Beryl

"All our steaks are locally sourced, and include rib-eye or sirloin, or the ever-popular surf'n'turf combo, which is a rump steak and filo pastry-wrapped king prawns.

"And for the non-meaters, or those wanting something different, we serve a lovely poached darne of salmon topped with a toasted herb crust and served with either a fresh lemon butter or tomato and basil sauce."

No self-respecting pub does not have a curry night, and for those who like a bit of spice, Wednesday is your day.

Beryl tempted the tastebuds with some of the dishes on offer, and at levels of spiciness to suit all palates.

"We have Thai green curry (*gaeng kiew wan*, fact fans) with chicken or mushrooms and vegetables, jalfrezi with chicken, lamb, or mushrooms and vegetables, and a medium-hot with the same meats, and chicken tandoori."

There is also a range of starters and puddings (refreshing sorbets and parfaits), two courses for £12.50 or three for £15.

Beryl said that The Victoria Inn – 40 years in the same family – serves food each day, and has a two- or three-course lunchtime special, Monday to Saturday, for £12.95 or £15.95 respectively.

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Fair promises to be a spectacle

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Byron continued: "We're also putting on a vintage car and tractor display. If enthusiasts want to come along with their own vintage car they are welcome to turn up – there's no registration, but they should come in via the Illtyd Avenue entrance after 9am (the event starts at 10am).

"Children will be able to enjoy a bouncy castle and fairground rides. Gamegoer Country Displays is putting on a show with ferrets, hawks and dogs.

"The Lions will be cooking their special beefburgers and hopefully not injuring themselves!"

Organisers would welcome help from extra volunteers on Friday evening, early on Saturday morning and after 4pm on Saturday when equipment and stalls need to be packed up.

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Gaynor, of the shop, said: "We have a new car park, with more spaces than before, making it better for our customers."

With the chip shop now in its 12th year, Gaynor said the same favourites, good old cod and chips, are as popular as ever, "and each portion is cooked fresh to order, with nothing left hanging around."

Another firm favourite are Simon's fish cakes and rissoles.

"They are made to Simon's secret recipe," said Gaynor with a conspiratorial wink.

The GEM could have been let into the secret, but we don't want to be battered...

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Flytipped rubbish fails to ruin the Ramblers walk

ON a beautiful sunny weekend Penarth and District Ramblers enjoyed two glorious walks, the first being from Rachel, who set off with her group of 13 and Pepper the dog to explore the whole of the Senghenydd Dyke in the Aber Valley, along with its industrial connections.

By cycle track and road they made their way uphill onto open moorland at Mynydd Meio, pausing at the trig point to enjoy the views before descending and following the road to Eglwysilan, to view the Church of St Ilan.

Rough tracks led to views overlooking Senghenydd where two major explosions – the first in 1901 when 81 miners were killed and the second in 1913, when a total of 439 men and boys died – meant almost every household in the valley lost one or more loved ones.

A journey across Eglwysilan Common, with its unsightly amount of fly-tipping scarring the beauty, brought them towards the huge spoil tips at Llanbradach with a view of the sea and exiting from the dyke, once a huge deer park, grassy meadows led them downhill.

Reaching Abertridwr and passing the memorial to the Windsor Colliery where, in 1902, six out of nine sinkers who were deepening the mine shaft were drowned, a tramp through Aber Heritage Park led them back to view the poignant Welsh National Mining Memorial Garden in Senghenydd, where every pit disaster in Wales along with the two major disasters at the Universal Colliery in Senghenydd are remembered.

The following day 10 walkers joined Joy at Llanfeugan about a mile from the village of Pencelli in Powys, where the 13th century church is dedicated to St Meugan.

Setting off in warm sunshine a rough farm track led them to Cornwall Farm, now holiday accommodation.

A gradual climb on a path below mature trees above the winding River Usk led them onto the Usk Valley walk and clambering over stiles and through fields and woods, the views stretched towards the Black Mountains with Sugar Loaf claiming centre stage.

Grassy meadows containing sheep above Old Coity Mawr led them to a road, then on past a growing orchard to a stream where a huge tree had crashed to the ground, fortunately narrowly missing both the footbridge and a stile.

Descending gradually through meadows, a short road-walk past Aber Farm led them back into fields and across the River Caerfanell for the journey to Talybont-on-Usk and along the towpath of the Monmouth and Brecon Canal to reach Pencelli.

Following a short stop at the Royal Oak for liquid refreshment that was very much appreciated in the heat, and re-crossing the canal, a short journey up through fields led them back to their start for the journey home.

The sudden passing of Val Hartrey at the end of May has hit the group hard as this founder member was a walk leader, then rambles officer, and was also chairman for 14 years before standing down to become secretary.

She will be greatly missed and our sincere thoughts are with her family.

On June 17, meet at 9am at Cogan Leisure Centre for a joint 9.5-mile moderate walk with Caerphilly Ramblers in the Abersychan area; contact Clive on 029 2065 4156.

On June 2, meet at 6.30pm at Wenvoe Church for a 3-mile easy-to-moderate walk in Wenvoe. Please note, if there has been rain you will need wellingtons; contact Joy on 01446 737131

Wear suitable clothing, preferably boots and carry waterproofs, food and drinks.

Some degree of fitness is required and if you are in any doubt, then contact the walk leader for advice.

For up-to-date information log onto www.penarthramblers.wordpress.com or access Facebook. Programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 2025 5102.

JOY STRANGWARD

Lots of fun for local Scout group

BEAVERS from First Penmark with Porthkerry Scout group have been to the beach where they explored and collected pebbles to paint.

They had fun playing games at the local playing field during a joint night with Cubs.

There was lots of singing going on too, and in typical Scouting style a song is not complete without actions.

They have planted grass seed at St Peter's Church, and new Beavers have been welcomed and invested.

Cubs joined Beavers playing and singing at the playing fields and have also had another evening playing sports. They have been sharing their skills with each other, from musical talents to drawing, sports and fire building.

Cubs and Scouts have also enjoyed a joint night making 'camp calzones' and fire lighting. Some Cubs moved up to Scouts and new Cubs were also welcomed, while several Cubs attended a Harry Potter-themed camp.

Scouts have not stopped. They joined the Explorer Scout Unit at tree top mini golf. They have been exploring and bell ringing at St Mary's Church in Penmark. They have been shooting and playing games outdoors and have learned about disability sport.

They have welcomed Cubs to Scouts who were invested during the joint night, where they also looked at Internet safety. Some of the Scouts also took part in a mini expedition walking from Penkerry Scout hut to Jubilee Fields carrying their kit and food. They spent one night at Jubilee Fields and then hiked back. It was hot and humid but they relished the challenge and completed it successfully. Well done.

All sections of 1st Penmark with Porthkerry Scout group have also enjoyed a St George's Day celebration at St Mary's Church in Penmark and held a successful AGM which saw the recruitment of two further adults to the group to help with the Beaver colony and be treasurer on the executive committee.

For more information, contact Martin the group Scout leader at gsl@penmarkscouts.org.uk. **GH**

Is there life on Mars?

LAST month I wrote about NASA's April launch of the TESS space probe.

Hard on the heels of TESS, on May 5 NASA successfully launched yet another exploratory spacecraft. The InSight Mars lander mission is now well on its way and will land on the red planet on November 26.

This is a good time to think about Mars as, this year, it will be brighter than since 2003 when the red planet came closer to Earth than it had been for some 60,000 years.

By the end of July, when the Earth sweeps between Mars and the Sun, it will appear as a red dot of brilliant flame.

Mars is surely the most enigmatic of our planetary neighbours, certainly since the late 19th century, when it was believed that there were canals on its surface.

They were first described in 1887 by the Italian astronomer, Giovanni Schiaparelli, and their presence was confirmed by later observers using early low-resolution telescopes.

The American, Percival Lowell, popularised the idea that intelligent life forms had created these canals.

By the early 20th century, however, improved astronomical observations revealed Schiaperelli's 'canali' to be an optical illusion.

Nevertheless, the possibility of life on Mars captured the public's imagination and, no doubt, provided inspiration to HG Wells for his 1898 novel, *The War of the Worlds*.

The Mars InSight mission (Interior Exploration using Seismic Investigations, Geodesy and Heat Transport) will place a lander on Mars to study its deep interior. InSight will enter Mars' atmosphere at 14,000 mph and will use a combination of retro jets and a large parachute to keep the spacecraft levelled and slowing until touchdown.

Using sophisticated geophysical instruments, InSight will study the interior of Mars to answer one of science's most fundamental questions: how did the terrestrial planets, including Earth, form?

It is unlikely that InSight will further the debate on the possibility of life on Mars, but on June 7, NASA announced two new clues in the search for life on the red planet, both discovered by its *Curiosity* rover which is still operating after nearly six years.

The first of these is the existence of organic molecules in three billion year-old sedimentary Martian rocks near the surface of a dried up lake bed and suggests that the planet could have supported ancient life.

The second clue comes from Mars' atmosphere where large seasonal variations in the levels of methane have been detected. Methane emissions on Earth, from cattle in the meadows to lower forms of life in the swamps, are natural by-products of living things. So where is Mars' methane coming from?

The seasonal cycle in the abundance of methane in Mars' northern summer has shocked many scientists. Are there microbes on Mars similar to those that exist in the guts of cows and sheep that produce methane here on Earth?

Although we now know that there is certainly no intelligent life on Mars, our fascination with the possibility of some kind of life there remains undiminished.

NORMAN LLOYD

'Exciting art discovery' at Dyffryn House

THE National Trust has said that a collection of four paintings by Lindsay Williams found at Dyffryn House is "an exciting discovery".

The trust has launched an appeal to help with the restoration of the paintings.

A spokesman for the trust said: "The unexpected nature of this discovery is an exciting development but unfortunately we do not have the funds to restore the work, so we need to fundraise to restore all four paintings.

"The most notable is *The Imprisoned Soul*.

"It was found tucked away and leaning against a wall in the White Library.

"It is oil on canvas, signed and dated Margaret Lindsay Williams 1920 and measures approximately five by six feet, but no longer has its frame.

The Imprisoned Soul ***by Margaret Lindsay Williams.***

"It is a striking painting that depicts a woman tempted by material things.

"The subject holds a dagger to her throat at the same point where the painting has a large tear.

"It is part of a body of Williams's work that reflected dark and religious themes and caused political controversy, following her focus on death in the Great War."

The other three paintings were discovered in a back room behind the kitchen.

"They are also oil on canvas but it is thought they were designed as part of an interior decoration scheme rather than as individual paintings.

Margaret Lindsay Williams (1888-1960) was a successful and well regarded artist. She was commissioned to paint members of the Royal Family such as King George V, Queen Mary, Queen Alexandria, The Queen Mother and Queen Elizabeth II.

In 1921, she painted the American President Warren G Harding, and became the first female artist represented in Washington DC's National Portrait Gallery of Presidents.

Other notable sitters for her portraits included Henry Ford, founder of the Ford Motor Company and British Prime Minister David Lloyd George.

The trust says the paintings are in a dire condition with holes, tears and punctures to every piece.

For more information, visit: www.nationaltrust.org.uk/appeal/save-dyffryn-gardens-fragile-paintings.

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NATIONAL TRUST ASSOCIATION TRIP

THE Vale NT Association has a few seats left on their coach trip to Tredegar House in the morning, followed by the Newport mediaeval ship in the afternoon of Wednesday, June 20.

The coach will depart from behind Cowbridge Town Hall at 9.30 am.

Non-members of our association are welcome, but the cost of the trip does not include entry to Tredegar (free for NT members). Members £12.50, non members £13.50. Enquiries to vofgant@gmail.com.

BEAUTIFUL BARRY HOLDS PHOTO COMPETITION

BEAUTIFUL Barry recently held its first photo competition awards presentation following the competition which ran on our Facebook group, receiving over 200 entries.

The competition was decided via a public vote.

Congratulations to Jack Hortop, winner of the teenage category, who was also announced the overall winner last night.

All the entries were incredible and we were shocked by the response. Paul Murphy in the Professional category, Dean Ockerby in the under-13 and Kate Walters in the Amateur category.

All winners were presented with a mounted print of their image and a trophy to commemorate the event. We would like to thank Julian for his kind generosity of hosting the evening at Cariad Cafe Bar and donated prizes.

Thank you to the judges, Rhian Lees of Pride in Barry, Cllr Leighton Rowlands Mayor of the Vale, Barrie Dyer chairman of The Round Table, Jane Hutt AM and Cariad Cafe owner Julian.

We had representatives from various groups there to celebrate what we think is a beautiful town, thank you all for making the event so lovely.

David Eliot from Holton Road Traders, Nicky Vickery Gibby Green Fingers community garden and allotment, Heather and Zoe from Colcot residents' group, Claire Curtis from Friends of Barry Beaches, Tina, Leon, Paul and Dennis from DIAG, Robyn Walsh community development officer at Barry Town Council and Jerry from Merthyr Dyfan Church.

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Care home receives award

A CARDIFF-based home care company has won an award based on the glowing recommendations it receives from its clients, their families and friends.

Home Instead Senior Care specialises in providing at-home care to the elderly, and has been named one of the 20 most recommended providers as part of the Home Care Awards 2018.

The awards are based on nearly 10,000 genuine independent reviews left on the homecare.co.uk website, and this is the fourth year running that the Cardiff office has taken one of the top spots.

The business was rated highly across all categories – including overall standard, staff, care/support, management, treating people with dignity and value for money – and received an overall rating of 9.8 out of 10.

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BARRY Island welcomed a parade of past and present members of HM Armed Forces to mark an early Armed Forces Day Parade. Supported by the Vale Council, people from all over the county were invited to the event, with the chance to meet serving personnel and veterans.

Members of RAF St Athan Band and City of Newport Pipes and Drums, Royal British Legion Band Llanelli with MoD St Athan, HMS *Cambria*, 203 Field Hospital Volunteers, 614 Squadron, Cadet Associations, Veterans, Royal British Legion Riders Branch, Merchant Navy and the Royal Air Forces Association marched along the parade, to huge crowds.

Crowds watched military displays and the vehicles, from the Royal Marines Unarmed Combat Teams, TS Cadet Gun Running, Military Preparation Training College, and the Royal Navy Sea King Helicopter.

Leader of the Vale Council, Cllr John Thomas, said: "The Armed Forces Day in Barry Island was an incredible way to remember and support members of the British Armed Forces past and present.

"It was great to see hundreds of people from all over the Vale, gather to mark the occasion and enjoy the day, particularly the military displays and vehicles.

"The event was fantastic success and it is clear that the organisers' hard work paid off. Well done to all involved."

A spokesperson for the Royal British Legion said: "Thank you, Armed Forces day was a great success and Veterans' Gateway was proud to be part of it, here's to many more."

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NB Armed Forces Day is celebrated nationally on June 30.

Posh Pawz celebrates sixth anniversary

Kath and Jo at Posh Pawz are celebrating the sixth anniversary of their dog grooming business.

IN June 2012, the owners of Posh Pawz, Kath and Jo, invited Wales' football international Craig Bellamy to open their new business venture, Posh Pawz, set in the heart of Rhoose.

Since then, the salon and spa has gone from strength to strength and is now celebrating its sixth anniversary.

Professional K9 beauticians Jo and Kath provide a real one-to-one service. They have created a safe, clean, fully air-conditioned environment in which your best friend receives the very best of care.

Freshen up baths, full spa treatments, grooming which includes ear plucking, nail clipping and gland treatment – the ladies provide it all.

The salon also features a colourful display of doggie products such as coats, toys, treats, leads, harnesses, collars, medical items (wormers, flea sprays) and dog and cat shampoos.

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It is quite unusual to be in a built-up area so close to the sea that is in such an elevated area. It really is quite uplifting.

Rhoose seems to have its own micro-climate, because you soon notice the mature palm trees that are growing in various locations, including Milburn Park, the new home for the Rhoose Summer Music festival (*see facing page*).

It goes to explain why Rhoose is thought to be the fastest-growing community in the Vale. In recent years, new houses have been built in prime spots to take advantage of those breathtaking views, and more are planned.

The Vale Council is also planning a second primary school to serve the area, although that is still, as they say, "out for consultation".

The railway station was added relatively recently (12 years ago) and this has helped attract commuters to the area. In fact, in the new Capital City Metro transport plan, it is envisaged that the trains will run half-hourly instead of hourly.

However, the recent influx has strengthened Rhoose, providing extra customers for businesses that, in some communities, have struggled.

Rhoose's main street has everything you could want, with cafes, hairdressers, a barber's, dog groomers, food stores, and much more.

Deano's Barbers has been in business in Rhoose since 1999, and owner Dean Chamberlain has a warm welcome for customers old and new.

With a walk-in service and two barbers on hand, Dean has noticed a steady stream of new faces as the area has expanded, and that is still true today.

Dean said: "The area has changed over the years, but it still has a local feel, and we really feel part of the community."

Sublime Hair is another well-established business in Rhoose. Run by Vanessa, it has been keeping on top of changing hairstyles in the area for seven years now, in a salon that is modern and spacious.

Vanessa said: "I would say that our speciality is colouring and colour correction, and that is very popular at the moment.

"It was how I became involved in the business, as I used to work for a hair colouring company."

Because the area is a popular touring destination, with several leisure parks, it means that there is plenty of entertainment on offer, just a short distance from people's homes.

The Ocean Lounge at Porthkerry Leisure Park is a good example, booking first class vocalists to headline on a Saturday evening, and with karaoke and bingo evenings as well.

They also do a Sunday lunch for holiday-makers and locals alike, at a competitive £5.95 (*For more details, see their advert on facing page*).

Rhoose Point is, of course, the southernmost tip of Wales, which is a claim to fame, but the community is much more than a reference point on a map.

Spend just a few hours here and you realise that there are a number of solid reasons why it is a growing community and, whether you get here by walking the Wales Coastal Path, or by car, train or bicycle, it is well worth a visit.

Fontygary Inn is at the heart of the community

THE Fontygary Inn (*above*) is now a firmly established pub-cum-restaurant, providing everything from a selection of ales, beers and ciders to delicious home cooked foods and the famous sizzler steaks.

Sunday lunch roast should not be missed and booking is advisable.

Landlord Kevin and landlady Kerry Eade are now trading in their 12th year at the Inn and are striving to further improve their business with regular live music on Friday and Saturday evenings and the very latest smart phone quiz on Wednesdays.

They play host to two pool league teams comprising of customers and local residents from the Rhoose area, all attempting to keep the local community together.

Mr Eade said that their success comes from their team of hard-working staff of all age groups, from the young 16-year-olds starting out to the more senior front of house staff.

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Here be dragons!

THIS summer, dragons will be appearing all over Celtic Way Community Hall in Rhoose.

Taking Flight Theatre will present *You've Got Dragons* in a take on Kathryn Cave's children's book.

A spokesperson enthused: "Do your worries ever reach dragon-like proportions? If they do, then this is the show for you!

"It is a poignant, insightful story about coping with 'your dragons' and learning to face anxieties. "

You've Got Dragons features creative captioning, British Sign Language and audio description in a treat for all the family.

You've Got Dragons is at Celtic Way Community Hall, Celtic Way, Rhoose, CF62 3FT on July 27, with performances at 2pm and 6.30pm.

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Jumpin' Jimmy and the Nice Guys at a Porthcawl Festival last year. (Photo by Frank Shipton).

MUSIC FEST WILL GET RHOOSE ROCKING

THERE is plenty of live music in Rhoose – based around the leisure parks and local pubs, but the village now has its own, well-established one-day festival.

Rhoose Summer Music is now in its fourth year, and has outgrown its former home in the grounds of Rhoose Social Club.

This year, on July 7, it will move a short distance down the Fontygary Road to Milburn Park, which offers the added bonus of great views over the Bristol Channel.

The festival capacity has increased from 500 to 750, and there will be music from noon until 11pm, with headline acts including Brother Steve, Jumpin' Jummy and the Nice Guys, and Too Toned.

The festival is organised by Ryan Sutton and James Bagnall, and Ryan told The GEM: "We're delighted to see it grow, and the event is close to a sell-out already.

"This year, Bro Radio have come on board as media partner and the park is an excellent venue.

"We will have a licensed bar, and there will be fesival food including pizzas and barbecue."

For more information, go to www.rhoosesummer.co.uk

A visit to the Six Bells is not to be missed

THE Six Bells Inn, situated in the picturesque village of Penmark, is everything you could want from a Welsh country pub.

It combines the charm of a traditional bar area with a modern restaurant and function room.

Over the years it has developed an enviable reputation for its home-cooked food and selection of real ales.

The pub-restaurant prides itself on being farm-to-fork with all the meat locally sourced.

There is a beer garden at the front and a large car park for visitors at the back.

Staff are proud that the pub is at the heart of village life, and it draws people from further afield who have heard such good things about its excellent food and service.

The Six Bells even has its own free-range chickens which means eggs are on sale at the pub.

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Cats without collars: Your kindness may be misplaced

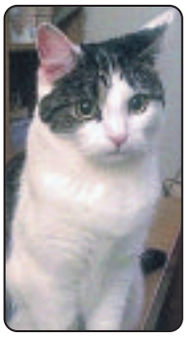
A BARRY Island resident, who has lost a cat, claims that during her attempts to find it, she discovered that people have taken in cats because they have not had a collar on.

Kim Shore told The GEM: "Some people seem to think if a cat doesn't have a collar on it is a stray and it's okay to claim them."

Mrs Shore's one-year-old cat Lottie went missing on June 3.

She said: "Lottie and her sister Maisie mean the absolute world to me. We got them as kittens from Mittens Rescue last year when I was just finishing treatment for breast cancer.

"We have put leaflets through every door in Barry Island in an attempt to find Lottie and have spoken to many people in doing so."



Lottie went missing from Phyllis Street.

Mrs Shore says she was 'disturbed' that during her search she spoke to at least five people who told her that their cats had gone missing and they had later found out that they were being kept by someone who had started feeding them because they assumed they were strays.

While she was putting out leaflets some people had also told her that her cat should have had a collar on.

"I tried to explain that most cats are now micro-chipped and should be taken to a vet if found to reunite them with their owner.

"I also pointed out that collars can be more harmful and cause cats to be caught and trapped.

"I would appreciate anyone looking after my cat if they had found her, but people need to realise that in some instances they could be taking cats from their homes."

Mrs Shore said that if a cat was found by someone they should take it to a vet or rescue centre.

If anyone finds Lottie, they should call 07789 885919.

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Vale residents are recognised in Queen's Birthday Honours

SOUTH Wales Central AM Andrew RT Davies has paid tribute to all Vale residents recognised in Her Majesty the Queen's Birthday Honours list.

Cowbridge town councillor Sue Cox – who was awarded the MBE for political and voluntary service in the Vale of Glamorgan – was nominated by Mr Davies for decades of "unwavering commitment" to the town and charitable sector.

Mr Davies said: "I have known Sue and her husband Geoff for many years and over a considerable period of time she has been an outstanding servant to Cowbridge and the wider Vale.

"She has served the town with distinction as Mayor as well as playing a key role on the Town Twinning Association and serving as sub-warden of Llanblethian Church.

"These are just some of her notable achievements and it was a huge honour to nominate her for the MBE, which is fully deserved for her dedicated and commitment."

Other recipients include Barry-born scientist Haley Gomez of Cardiff University, for services to astrophysics, astronomy and outreach services and Peterston-super-Ely resident John Smart for services to construction and property industries.

Mr Davies said: "I'd like to congratulate Haley and John for their MBEs as well as their outstanding work in their respective fields. They have proven themselves to be pioneers in physics and property and I have no doubts there is plenty more to come.

Jeffrey Savory of Barry was awarded the OBE for services to disability sport.

Mr Savory chaired Special Olympics Wales from 2005 until last year and has been a leader in the learning disability field for almost 40 years.

Mr Davies said: "Jeff's work over four decades has been instrumental in helping people with disabilities take part in sport, both in Barry and across the whole of Cardiff and the Vale. He has been a true leader and his work has undoubtedly changed many lives for the better."

Defibrillators in Barry

THANK you for the article in The GEM about the new AED/defibrillator donated by Welsh Hearts and housed at the Barry West End Club on St Nicholas Road which appeared recently.

Please may I add my sincere thanks to everyone who donated prizes or bought raffle tickets and those who put cash towards the cost of the cabinet.

Last week, you printed a list of AEDs which did not include the one at Barry West End Club. I believe it is the first Publicly Accessible Defibrillator (PAD) in Barry, ie one that is available 24/7, all year round, simply by phoning 999 and asking for an ambulance.

Everyone, whatever their age, should be encouraged to get basic first aid training, but even without it, by calling 999 they will be talked through where to find a defibrillator and how to use it.

I would also like to let your readers know that there is a small group of people who are well on the way to getting funding for another new AED to be housed at the St Francis Millennium Centre, Park Road, Barry.

Mark Sainsbury, Barry.

Editor's note - We are more than happy to update our details to show the West End's PAD – a list of local defibrillators runs in the paper on the first week of every month.

For all the latest news from your area - glamorgan-gem.co.uk

Rotary Club's classic car show raises over £4,000 for charity

THE Dinas Powys Rotary Club would like to thank everyone who joined us at our sixth annual May Bank holiday Classic Car show on May 28 at the Sully Sports and Leisure Club ground.

What a huge turnout, with well over 200 stunning cars and motorcycles, trade stands, sponsors, community support, volunteers and so many spectators, all helping to raise over £4,800 for charitable organisations in the Dinas Powys area.

All proceeds from the car show will be distributed to the Dinas Powys RNLI, 1st Dinas Powis Scout Troop and other local good causes.

The RNLI was supported by Stormy Stan and the Barry Model Boat Club, who would like to thank Barry Fire Brigade, Green Watch in helping them with their boat pond which was a great attraction allowing spectators the opportunity to sail the club's radio-controlled boats.

The 1st Dinas Powys Scout troop worked tirelessly throughout the day supporting Rotary; and finally, well-done to 10-year-old Keaton Karnicki for the time and energy he put in supporting local charities.

Weather is always a factor; this year's show was blessed with sunshine allowing classic car club members as well as spectators a great opportunity to enjoy the spectacle of so many cars, as well as the opportunity to foster camaraderie among classic vehicle enthusiasts.

"It was amazing to see so many rare and immaculately maintained classic cars, including some unique models such as the winner," said Simon Watts, president of Dinas Powys Rotary.

Show trophies were awarded for best car and motorcycle in show and two runners-up, with judging by our independent team of car enthusiasts, as follows:

Cars: First, Fiat Topolino 1938 (believed to be one of a kind left in existence) owner Mr Steve Dening.

Second, Ford Capri 1980 3.0. owner Mr Paul Freestone. This is a restored wreck with exceptional finishing detail, including original optional X Pack trim.

Third, Calthorpe 10.4. 1921, owner Mr Peter Morris. The Calthorp was found in a basement

in Barry having been taken off the road pre-war and it was missing the body. Research and later acquisition of another part car in 1982 led to a full rebuild, to be used for the owner's son at his wedding.

Motorcycles: First, Douglas Vespa 125 cc 1954 owner Mr Michael Perry. The Vespa scooter is in original condition, with only necessary work being carried out to enable it to be used on a regular basis.

Second, Goldwing Trike 1992 owner Mr Eddie Hawkins. This splendid trike is a self-modified two-wheel bike with a car axle added to the rear.

Third, entry number 286 Laverdon Racer. The Laverdon Racer is an Italian bike which has been modified in the UK as a racer, and then features were adopted by the original manufacturer and it was restored by one of the original UK engineers.

We look forward to seeing you at next year's show on Bank Holiday Monday, May 27 2019, at the Sully Sports and Leisure Club ground.

If you are interested in learning more about the rotary Club of Dinas Powys or would like to join our club contact club secretary Rotarian Martyn Williams at:martyn354@sky.com. For more information see our Facebook Page.

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Do you have room in your heart and home for a Golden Oldie?

DOGS Trust Bridgend is urging the public to consider giving an older dog a loving home after they have had an influx in golden oldies arriving at the rehoming centre and have 12 doggy OAPs looking for new homes.

You could join the Kane gang.

In fact, nearly 25 per cent of dogs in their care are aged eight or over and include Belle and Holly, a pair of 10-year-old terrier crosses who arrived after their owner became ill and was no longer able to care for them.

The rehoming centre now hopes to challenge the 'elderly dog stereotype' that can often put potential owners off rehoming an older dog, and is encouraging dog lovers to consider the benefits of bringing an ageing four-legged friend into their home.

Angela Wetherall, rehoming centre manager at Dogs Trust Bridgend explained: "We care for dogs of all ages, sizes and breeds but lately, we have noticed a spike in the average age of our dogs.

"Older dogs can sometimes be passed over in favour of their younger counterparts, but there are so many benefits to owning an older dog."

"Older dogs often need less exercise, they are usually already housetrained and can make wonderful family pets.

"Often, we find that our golden oldies still have bags of energy so they can be just as fun as a younger dog, but they may need an extra 40 winks on a cosy sofa after a busy playtime.

"There really are countless reasons an older dog can make a wonderful companion, so if you think you can give an elderly dog a happy home, please get in touch."

If you think you would like to give an older rescue dog a happy home, get in touch with Dogs Trust Bridgend on 0300 303 0292. **KM**

COUNCILS NEED A LOUDER VOICE

ANDREW R T Davies wants town and community councils to have a louder voice as the bottom tier of local government.

The Welsh Conservatives' leader and South Wales Central AM claims that many town and community councillors feel "completely ignored and overlooked".

He asked at the National Assembly about the support available to these grassroots councils and the guidance given to unitary authorities in dealing with them.

Mr Davies said: "In my own electoral region, I have a great difference in the level of community councils in the Vale of Glamorgan, Cardiff and Rhondda Cynon Taf.

"I find that local authorities have a differing view on how they consult and how they engage with town and community councils.

"It is really troubling to hear many community councillors say they feel completely ignored and overlooked in what is the first rung in our democratic process.

"I'd be grateful to understand what role and what guidance the Welsh Government give to unitary authorities to make sure there's a level playing field when it comes to engagement and the consultation process on important announcements."

Leader of the House, Julie James, said Local Government Secretary Alun Davies would produce a statement in response to Mr Davies's request. **AS**

Plaid Cymru calls for 'Golau Caredig' crossing

PLAID CYMRU councillor Ian Johnson has called for a crossing to be introduced linking 'Golau Caredig' to Broad Street.

He said it is needed so local residents and shoppers can cross safely.

Cllr Johnson says cars often travel quickly on and off the Gladstone Bridge roundabout and it's difficult for pedestrians to see vehicles due to cars parked on the bend at Gladstone Road, near Golau Caredig extra-care home, which was once Barry's Theatre Royal cinema.

He pointed out that plans for changes to the Gladstone Bridge area were under discussion by the council but warned that these had been in the pipeline for nearly 18 months with no concrete proposals yet made for a crossing at the site.

He said: "We campaigned for a crossing at Lower Buttrills Road to allow Golau Caredig and Elis Fisher Court residents to safely walk to Holton Road.

"Now we need a crossing between Golau Caredig and Broad Street to allow west end residents and Golau Caredig residents to cross safely.

"Cars are often going quickly onto or off the Gladstone Bridge roundabout and it can be difficult to see past parked cars on the bend on Gladstone Road."

Cllr Johnson claimed residents are frustrated by the delay and hopes the council would bring forward plans for the site quickly.

Marcus Goldsworthy, Vale Council head of regeneration and planning, explained that the crossing could not be done in isolation, but when a wider scheme was delivered.

"The 'Barry Town Centre Gateway Regeneration Project' was first agreed by the former administration in April 2017.

"Since then the council has been working with landowners to regenerate the lower end of Holton Road and Broad Street.

"This includes improving the public realm and further developing sustainable transport and pedestrian links, alongside attracting commercial and community development as well as creating new housing.

"To achieve this, support will be sought from Welsh Government's 'Targeted Regeneration Investment Programme' and it is hoped the scheme can be delivered over the next three years.

"The proposed new crossing fits with the aims of this scheme, but it is important any work has regard of the wider project. If carried out in isolation, there is a risk of it being redundant once overall works have been completed."

Mr Goldsworthy added: "Cllr Johnson has been kept fully informed of progress in this matter and the need for any proposals to be developed in a comprehensive manner. He is also well aware of the wide-ranging work under way to improve pedestrian movement in the Gateway area."

TC

Albert Primary School and World Book Day

RECENTLY, Albert Primary School celebrated World Book Day at St Fagans Museum.

It was a glorious day and the sun truly shone for the 588 children and adults who took part.

It was an exciting event that none of the children or adults who attended will ever forget. All the classes made their way around St Fagans, stopping at different locations to hear stories told by a number of different storytellers.

The storytellers were parents, governors, grandparents and friends of the school.

The children listened to a variety of stories, some in Welsh, with many of the storytellers in full costume!

Some of the favourite stories involved a gangsta Granny, whales that talk, a butterfly lion in the sky and even a barber who catches unsuspecting victims!

Pupils and parents of the school also dressed up, which helped to make it a fabulous fun day for everyone.

World Book Day has really inspired the children to get creative, have a go at writing their own stories and also read new books.

Albert Primary School would like to say a big thank you to everybody who helped make the day such an overwhelming success!

Milly, year-6 pupil

Specs appeal at Goldsland Farm

A PAIR of prescription spectacles was found in the car parking field at Goldsland Farm, Wenvoe, on Open Farm Sunday (June 10).

The owner is asked to call Robert Reader on 07860 9423901 to arrange collection.

The Potted Garden in June

Hanging gardens of summer by Sara Milne

PLANTING a hanging basket may be the ideal way to expand your garden or make the best use of the outside space that you have.

It's also one of the easiest ways to connect your garden with your home.

If you plant your summer hanging basket at the end of May or beginning of July, then it will thrive in a frost free environment producing a vibrant flourish of colour through to the autumn.

Choosing the right hanging basket really comes down to personal taste, but there are two basic styles to choose from – those with solid sides or the traditional wire types.

The benefit of using wire hanging baskets is that they allow you to grow some plants through the sides, rather than everything coming from the top of the basket. Whichever you choose, go for the biggest that you can – the more room you have for plants the better.

First, you need to prepare the compost and liner. For soil, you can go for the easy option and pick a ready-made hanging basket compost; or you can use a multi-purpose compost, add a handful of perlite to improve drainage and aeration and add hydration crystals to help the soil retain water.

Slow-release fertiliser granules can also be mixed in to feed the plants.

An open wire basket needs a liner to prevent compost falling through. Traditionally, moss is used and gives a natural feel, but other linings are just as good such as coconut fibre.

Get the most out of your garden this summer.

Using a bucket or empty pot to steady the basket while you work, place moss around the bottom half, and then add newspaper as a barrier between the moss and compost. This will stop the soil from falling out initially, and as the paper rots the roots will grow through to hold the earth in place. Fill this bottom half with soil.

Next, insert the trailing plants by making holes 50mm (two inches) apart at this level and poke the roots of the plants such as lobelias or trailing ivy through the sides so they lie on top of the compost. Add more compost and trailing plants, positioning them between those already planted below.

Now plant the top of the basket. A dramatic centrepiece is a must-have – something like an upright fuchsia or a geranium will give you a strong and vibrant focal point.

Surround that with trailing plants like petunias or ivy-leafed geraniums, and one or two busy lizzies.

Remember to leave a 30mm gap from the soil to the top of the basket to help it hold water.

Finally hang the basket. Water thoroughly as hydration is key – hanging baskets will dry out very quickly without regular, sometimes daily, watering.

Fit the chain in place and suspend the basket on a secure, supporting bracket. Take time to rotate the basket so that its best side faces outwards.

If hanging baskets are just part of your outside space then here are some gardening tips for this month from the RHS (Royal Horticultural Society):

Plant out seedlings and young plants.

Watering and weeding.

Start spraying roses to stop black spot and mildew.

Fast growing hedges will need a trim.

Plant hanging baskets and containers.

Plant salad leaf seeds.

Tie up climbers.

Feed spring bulbs for next year.

Plant out tomatoes.

Mow the lawn.

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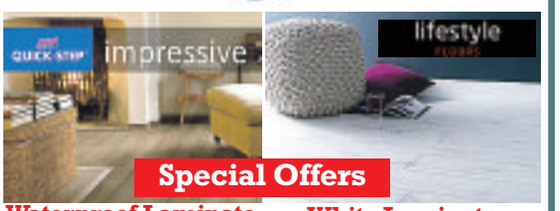

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Sewage plant expansion gets green light in Dinas

A SEWAGE plant on the outskirts of Dinas Powys has been given the go-ahead to expand despite residents' fears over the smell and noise.

Cog Moors Welsh Water Treatment Works, situated between the village and Barry, has been given permission to build an anaerobic digestion plant at the site.

Welsh Water welcomed the decision saying it would 'enhance' the way it treats waste.

The plant, which will have new storage tanks, and a stack up to 18 metres high, will be used to convert sewage sludge into gas, which would then be used to generate electricity, and as soil fertiliser.

The Vale Council's planning committee approved planning permission for the sewage works expansion last Thursday, June 7.

But that was after councillor Bob Penrose, a member of the committee, raised residents' concerns about the odour, emissions, traffic and visual impact of the development – as well as it being on a flood plain.

"Over the last few years there have been numerous complaints on odour from these sewage works," he told the meeting.

"But none have ever been resolved and they have all been denied."

Cllr Penrose said the new plant would be visible for some residents in Sully and would add to existing emissions in the area.

The meeting heard there will be three sensitive receptors installed to improve odour monitoring at the site.

Questions were also asked about the increased number of vehicles that would be going to and from the site, and whether the plant would kill all pathogens – bacteria which cause disease – from the waste.

Planning consultant Howard Jones, representing the Cog Moors plant, told the meeting there would be eight more HGV movements a day to and from the site, up from its current level of up to 21.

He said the plant's pathogen kill rate "will be as close to 100 per cent as can be achieved."

Mr Jones told the committee: "Public Health Wales have confirmed emissions to air will be well within air pollution thresholds and will have no adverse impact on human health.

"Odour modelling shows the proposed development will not result in increased levels of odour. There will be no adverse noise impacts as a result of the proposed development."

He added that while there will be a minor increase in HGV movements each day, this will be directed away from Dinas Powys and towards the McDonald's roundabout junction.

Cllr Jonathan Bird said: "You all forget that this is a facility that is processing our waste. We need it to be going somewhere.

"This is the plant at which the drains all end up. This is a marked improvement on what is being done at the moment."

Victoria Robinson, the Vale Council's operational manager for developments, told the meeting the scheme is a major investment by Welsh Water, having considered alternative options across Wales.

Cllr Bird added: "This is a vast improvement to increase capacity and I think we should be supporting this."

Planning permission was granted by a majority vote.

A Welsh Water spokesperson said: "We are pleased to have received planning permission for our proposed improvements to the wastewater treatment works at Cog Moors.

"The advanced anaerobic digestion process will enhance the way we treat waste and produces a higher quality fertiliser for recycling to agricultural land.

"Furthermore, it helps with the reduction of our carbon footprint through the production of energy from waste."

GR

Police appeal over missing girl

OFFICERS of South Wales Police are asking for the public's assistance to locate 16-year-old Courtney Lea who has been reported missing from the North Cornelly area.

Courtney has been missing since Friday, June 8, and has links with the Porthcawl, Bridgend, Swansea and Cardiff areas.

She was last seen wearing blue jeans, a white top and grey Nike trainers.

Anyone who has seen or heard from Courtney is asked to call police on 101 quoting occurrence number 1800207750.

School raises funds for Sri Lanka charity

BARRY Comprehensive pupils from years 7, 8 and 9 took part in a 'Tough Mudder' style competition to raise money for Help Lanka prior to the sixth form trip to Sri Lanka at the end of June.

The course was arranged to test the boys' agility and speed. The competitors had to negotiate their way through eight different obstacles including the tyre run and the giant slip and slide, while being pelted with water and flour bombs by the 'helping' sixth formers.

After completing a lap, alongside 25 other competitors, the sprint to the finish line was won by three year-9 pupils: Carl Sutton, Harper Chamberlain and Zac Watts.

Competitors were encouraged to raise sponsorship to take part in the event, with some boys raising over £30. Jaydon Williams in year-7 was presented with a goody bag prize for raising the most individual sponsorship.

Well done to all involved in raising over £400 for Help Lanka.

DC

Talk on objectors

DR ALED Eirug is coming to Penarth to give a talk on 'Opposition to the Great War in south Wales'.

The former head of News and Current Affairs at BBCWales and currently a senior lecturer at Swansea University, will give the talk today (Thursday, June 14).

His talk has been organised by the Friends of St Augustine's – just one of many events arranged by the Friends over the last four years to commemorate the centenary of World War 1.

So far, the emphasis of the events has been on remembering those who died in the Great War and the sacrifices they made; 207 of the Penarth men are recorded on the Roll of Honour in St Augustine's Church (which was conserved by the Friends in 2014).

The Friends will continue to honour those who died. It was felt however, that the people who were opposed to the First World War in Wales should also be remembered and the extent of opposition to war should be better understood. This is a challenging subject and one which may reveal hidden histories yet to be told.

Aled Eirug commented: "As we mark the centenary of the First World War in Wales, and given the tendency to concentrate on the soldiers, in this talk I will focus on those who opposed the war throughout Wales and especially on the over 800 conscientious objectors.

"While it's important to remember the soldiers who lost their lives in the war, it is also important to remember that there was a significant minority who chose another path which was difficult and often unpopular."

Cathy Grove, chair of the Friends said: "We are very fortunate to welcome Aled Eirug, whose research into this area is known to be ground-breaking."

The talk will take place at 7pm in the Parish Hall, Albert Road, Penarth (CF64 1BX). Entry £5 on the door (£4 for Friends of St Augustine's). Further information at www.friendsof staugustines.org.uk.

Tricia Griffiths

GORCHYMYN CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG
(BIRD CAGE WALK, BROAD STREET, Y BARRI) (CAU FFORDD) (DROS DRO) 2018

Mae Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, wrth arfer ei bwerau dan Adran 14 Deddf Rheoleiddio Traffig Ffyrdd 1984 (fel y'i diwygiwyd) a'r holl bwerau galluogi eraill yn cynnig, mewn dim llai na 7 diwrnod o ddyddiad yr Hysbysiad hwn, wneud Gorchymyn a fydd yn gwneud yr hyn a ddisgrifir yn yr atodlenni isod: -

ATODLEN 1

1. Ni chaiff unrhyw un gerdded yn y lleoliadau a nodir yn Atodlen 2 isod.

ATODLEN 2

Lleoliad	Y darn o'r llwybr troed sydd i'w gau yw 'Bird Cage Walk' Broad Street o'r gyffordd gyda Harbour Road i Groesfan Sebra'r Orsaf Drenau ar Broad Street, Y Barri.
Rheswm	Atal niwed posibl i bobl gan wal gynnal anniogel.
Hyd	O 00.01 ddydd Gwener 22 Mehefin 2018 am 18 mis ar y mwyaf
Llwybr Arall	Ar hyd y Sebra i ochr arall Broad Street.

Dyddiedig 14 Mehefin 2018.

Cyfarwyddwr Amgylchedd a Thai
Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, Yr Alpau, Gwenfô. CF5 6AA.

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL
(BIRD CAGE WALK, BROAD STREET, BARRY) (ROAD CLOSURE) (TEMPORARY) ORDER 2018

The Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Section 14 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended), and of all other enabling powers intends in not less than seven days from the date of this Notice to make an Order the general effect of which is as described in the schedules below: -

SCHEDULE 1

2. No person shall proceed on foot or on a cycle at the location specified in Schedule 2 below.

SCHEDULE 2

Location	The section of footway to be closed is 'Bird Cage Walk' Broad Street from the junction of Harbour Road to the Rail Station Zebra Crossing point on Broad Street, Barry.
Reason	To prevent potential injury to persons from an unsafe retaining wall.
Duration	From 00.01Hrs on Friday 22nd June 2018 for a maximum period of 18 Months
Alt. Route	Across the Zebra to the opposite side of Broad Street.

Dated this 14th day of June 2018.

Director of Environment & Housing
Vale of Glamorgan Council, The Alps, Wenvoe. CF5 6AA.

GORCHYMYN CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG
GORCHYMYN (DIDDYMU GWAHARDDIAD AR FYNEDIAD)
(Y RHODFA (RHAN) GLANNAU DŴR Y BARRI) 2018

Hysbysir bod Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, wrth ymarfer ei bwerau o dan Deddf Rheoleiddio Traffig Ffyrdd 1984, Adran 129A Deddf Priffyrdd 1980 a'r holl bwerau galluogi eraill, yn cynnig gwneud Gorchymyn, y disgrifir ei effaith gyffredinol isod.

1. Gellir gweld manylion llawn y cynnig, sy'n cynnwys copi o'r gorchymyn a'r cynlluniau arfaethedig yn y cyfeiriad a ddangosir isod yn ystod oriau swyddfa arferol ac mae'n rhaid cyflwyno unrhyw wrthwynebiad sydd gennych i'r cynnig hwn i'r Cyfarwyddwr Amgylchedd a Thai (Cyf: IF742) yn ysgrifenedig erbyn 6 Gorffennaf 2018 ac mae'n rhaid cynnwys eich seiliau dros wrthwynebu.

2. Cynghorir i bersonau sy'n gwrthwynebu'r Gorchymyn, wrth ystyried Deddf Llywodraeth Leol (Mynediad at Wybodaeth) 1985, mae'r Cyngor hwn o dan rwymedigaeth gyfreithiol i sicrhau bod unrhyw sylwadau a dderbynnir mewn ymateb i'r Gorchymyn arfaethedig yn agored i gael eu harchwilio gan y cyhoedd.

ATOLDEN

Diddymu:

Gorchymyn (Gwahardd Mynediad) (Y Rhodfa (Rhan) Glannau Dŵr y Barri Cyngor Bro Morgannwg 2015

Ni fydd unrhyw berson yn achosi neu ganiatáu i unrhyw gerbyd fynd ar hyd y Rhodfa (Glannau Dŵr y Barri) yn dechrau ar ei chyffordd â'r ffordd fynediad dienw (tua 70 metr tua'r de o'i chyffordd â Ffordd y Mileniwm) i gyfeiriad y gorllewin am tua 120 metr rhwng 19:00 a 07:00 dydd Llun i ddydd

Dyddiedig 14 Mehefin 2018

Cyfarwyddwr Amgylchedd a Thai
Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, The Alps, Gwenfô CF5 6AA

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL
(REVOCATION OF PROHIBITION OF ACCESS) (Y RHODFA, (PART) BARRY WATERFRONT) ORDER 2018

Notice is given that the Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, Section 129A Highways Act 1980 and of all other enabling powers, proposes to make an Order, the general effect of which is described in the schedule below.

1. Full details of the proposal to include a copy of the proposed order and plans may be inspected at the address shown below during normal office hours, and, any objection you may have to this proposal must be submitted to the Director of Environment and Housing (Ref: IF742) in writing by 6th July 2018 and must contain the grounds upon which you object.

2. Persons objecting to the proposed Order are advised that in view of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 this Council is legally obliged to make any comments received in response to the proposed Order open to public inspection.

SCHEDULE

Revocation of:

Vale of Glamorgan Council (Prohibition of Access) (Y Rhodfa (Part) Barry Waterfront) Order 2015

No person shall cause or permit any vehicle to proceed, along the length of Y Rhodfa (Barry Waterfront) commencing at its junction with the unnamed access road (approximately 70 meters south of its junction with Ffordd Y Mileniwm) running in a westerly direction for approximately 120 meters between the hours of 19:00 and 07:00 Monday to Sunday.

Dated this 14th day of June 2018

Director of Environment & Housing
Vale of Glamorgan Council,
The Alps, Wenvoe CF5 6AA

Police appeal after crash

OFFICERS investigating a road traffic collision on the M4 between Margam and Pyle are appealing for witnesses to come forward.

The collision, which involved a blue Mini Countryman and a silver Ford Mondeo, happened on the M4 eastbound between junction 38 and 37, shortly after 7pm on Sunday, June 10.

The driver of the Mini was taken to the Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend, with minor injuries but has since been discharged.

Anyone who witnessed the collision or the events prior to the collision is urged to contact police. Officers would also like to hear from anyone who may have captured the incident on a dash-cam or any other device.

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She will be greatly missed by all family and friends.

Resting at Green Willow Funeral Home Station Road, Dinas Powys, CF64 4DE, until the funeral service on Friday, 22nd June at 1pm at the Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry.

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GOUGH
Sarah Noyle (Sally)

Sadly but peacefully died on 3rd June with the presence of her daughters on her 89th birthday. Sally, beloved wife of the late Granville. Dearly loved mother of Sian, Rob, Rachel and their partners and the late John. Adored granny to all 11 grandchildren and great granny to her grandaughter.

Sally will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, Gladstone Road, Barry until the funeral on Thursday, 21st June. Funeral service in the chapel at 1.45pm, followed by cremation at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road East, Barry.

Family flowers only, if desired donations may be handed to the funeral director after the funeral for N.S.P.C.C. Bright colours may be worn.

REES
Richard Wellesley Morgan FRCS

Died on 1st June 2018, aged 83. Much loved father to Kirsti and Emlyn, father-in-law to Simon and Jo, and adored grandfather to Tallulah, Roxie, Minty and Henry. He will be sorely missed by friends, family and colleagues.

A private family cremation in July will be followed by an event to celebrate his inspirational life in September. Details of this will be available from family members nearer the time. Any donations in Richard's name to RNLI or Barnardos.

PHILLIPS
David Wynford (Wyn)

Passed on 22nd May 2018 on his beloved island of Crete.

The funeral will be held at All Saints Church, Barry on Friday, 15th June at 12.30pm, followed by interment at Porthkerry Cemetery and then on to the West End Labour Club, Barry for a celebration of his life.

No flowers by request. Donations to the R.N.L.I and P.D.S.A. on the day c/o W James and Sons, Fonmon.

MILLER
Margaret

Peacefully on 5th June at home in Barry with her family present, Margaret, aged 81 years. Beloved wife of Bernard, loving mother, mother-in-law, grandmother and great grandmother.

She will sadly missed by all her family and friends.

Nick, Karen, Tyler, Curtis, Chanel
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FORSTER BROWN
Patricia

Passed away peacefully on 3rd June 2018. A much-loved wife, mother, sister and grandmother. A special lady who will be sadly missed.

Funeral service to be held on Tuesday, 19th June 2018 at St. Senwyr Church, Llansannor at 11.30am, thereafter to Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium for 1pm. No flowers by request but donations would be welcomed for The League of Charing Cross Hospital Nurses (The Mary Cochrane Memorial Fund) online at www.patricia-forsterbrown.muchloved.com, or via the funeral director.

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TOWLE
Derek Edward Thomas

Died peacefully in his sleep on Friday, 8th June 2018 at the Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend, aged 91 years.

He will be greatly missed by all his family and many friends.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Fonmon. The service of remembrance and cremation will take place on Thursday, 21st June 2018 at 1.45pm at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend.

Family flowers only please. Donations in lieu of flowers may be made to Macmillan Cancer Support or the Royal National Lifeboat Institute c/o the funeral director.

WALLACE
Sydney (Syd)

Peacefully on 13th June with his precious daughters Danielle and Gemma at his bedside, Syd sadly passed away at College Fields Nursing Home.

Syd will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Resting at Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, Court Road, Barry until his service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry on Thursday, 21st June at 12 noon.

Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, may be made at the service or via Syd's online tribute page at www.valefuneralservice.co.uk to support Stroke Association and Marie Curie in memory of Syd.

MILLER
Margaret Elizabeth (formerly O'Connell) *(née Grubb)*

Peacefully on 5th June at home, surrounded by her loving family, Margaret sadly passed away. A loving wife to Bernard and much loved mum of Chriss, Nigel, Richard, Nick and their partners. Cherished and adored nan to all her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Margaret will be greatly missed by all her family and many friends.

Resting in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, Court Road, Barry until her service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium on Monday, 18th June at 11am.

Family floral tributes only. Donations, if desired, may be made at the service to support Ty Hafan Children's Hospice For Wales in memory of Margaret. The family request that colourful clothing be worn to celebrate her life

Funeral arrangements entrusted to Lyndsay Ellis, telephone 01446 407962.

FIGGINS
Trich *(née Holmes)*

Peacefully on 3rd June 2018, Trich passed away at home. Beloved wife of the late Eric, much loved mum of Louise, Laurie, Joe and Anna, adored nanw of Hana-Mai, Lily and Felix. Cherished sister of Hazel, Marian, Beryl, Sylvia and Grenville.

Trich will be greatly missed by all her family and her many friends.

Resting at James Summers Funeralcare, Lavernock Road, Penarth CF64 5UP until the celebration of her life at All Saint's Church, Barry on Friday, 22nd June at 11.30am. No flowers by request. Donations in lieu, if desired, may be made to Marie Curie Cancer Care, Velindre Cancer Care and All Saints' Church on the day.

CAMPBELL
Malcolm (Mal)

Suddenly but peacefully on 7th June, surrounded by his family, Mal, well known within Barry and a devoted husband to Val. A cherished dad of Debbie, Wendy, Martin and Sarah, special father-in-law of Andrew, Sharon, Gareth and Steve. A precious bampie and great bampie to all his grandchildren, a loving brother of Jean and brother-in-law Sid.

'He loved us all and we loved him'.

Mal is resting in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, Court Road Barry until a celebration of his life to take place at Crossway Methodist Church, Barry on Friday, 29th June at 11.45am, followed by cremation at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium.

Family floral tributes only by request and colourful clothing (optional) may be worn.

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Acknowledgements

LANE
Robert (Bob)

Passed away on 17th May 2018 at Holme Tower.

Much loved husband of Chris, loving father, grandfather and uncle. Loved son of the late Leah and Bill, brother to Pat and John.

The family would like to thank everybody who attended Bob's funeral and for the donations received for MacMillian.

GEORGE
John 'Hoppo'

Cheryl, Becky, Robert, Jackie and family would like to say thank you for the lovely cards, messages of condolence and the donations to Marie Curie Hospice and Macmillan Cancer Support.

Thank you also to all who came to the funeral service to celebrate John's life; we were overwhelmed by the number of people who attended and who obviously thought so highly of John.

We would also like to thank Father Craig Vaughan for leading such a beautiful tribute and uplifting funeral service.

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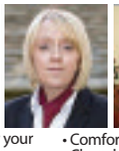

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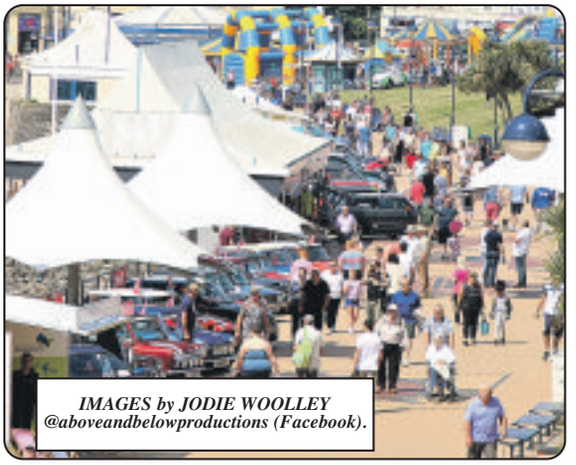

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THE Cardiff Transport Preservation Group had a bumper Festival of Transport on June 10 on a perfect summer's day.

The event attracted reportedly the largest number of classic, performance cars and other vehicles to the seaside town, with 480 visiting vehicles.

There were cars of the 1920s and 1930s, to the latest Mercedes and buses from the 1950s to the 1980s, including double decker buses used on services to Land's End, a Royal International Air Tattoo Fairford bus and a Scottish coach from the Midlands.

The heritage bus service operated a full timetable with four open top buses proving ever popular.

Organiser Mike Taylor said: "It was a very hot day for our visitors and our volunteers. The main area allocated for cars soon filled and we had some interesting visiting vehicles not seen at Barry before.

"Donations given on the day will go towards restoring our collection of Welsh buses. I want to thank all those who came and volunteered on the day, the Vale Council and all the exhibitors for making the day possible."

The preservation group's next big heritage bus and classic car event will be in Merthyr Tydfil on Sunday, September 9.

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ABOVE LEFT: Championship winner Ryan Dixon, and ABOVE RIGHT: Club captain Mike Chick with Matthew Dalrymple and Logan Gillies, who both hit hole-in-ones.

Welsh Open Youth Championships come to Wenvoe

WENVOE Castle Golf Club's place at the top table of golf courses was endorsed on the weekend when they were honoured to host the Welsh Open Youth Championships.

The players, all under 21 years old are the top youngsters from throughout the United Kingdom and Ireland, together with a number from France and Germany who made the considerable journey to take part in a field of over 140 entries.

A well-supported practice day on Thursday was followed by two qualifying 18-hole rounds on Friday and Saturday and the top 45 scores plus ties playing a further two rounds of 18 holes on Sunday to establish the best scores over four demanding rounds of golf.

Wenvoe Castle provides a stiff challenge with tree-lined fairways and well-guarded greens ensuring the need for extra vigilant course management otherwise stray shots could prove costly.

The first day saw a slight delay in starting but the mist quickly cleared and the competition was played in glorious sunshine with little wind to add to the challenge.

On the first day Keiran Babbage, from the The Players Club, led the field with an excellent 69 (three under par) but with just a handful of players posting scores under par the course was clearly proving to be tough challenge.

On the first day two holes in one were recorded. One on the Par 3 second hole and another on the par 4 fourth. Wenvoe Castle club captain Mike Chick was delighted to present the two players – Matthew Dalrymple and Logan Gillies – with a Wenvoe Castle shirt in recognition of their achievement.

The cut for the final 45 players proved to be quite high at +9, with just a handful of players posting scores below the 72 par for the course.

The lead changed hands several times during the final two rounds but the consistency of Ryan Dixon from Castle Eden Golf Club reaped its rewards and clinched the trophy with an excellent final score of -6 with rounds of 72, 69, 71 and 70.

He survived a late challenge from Jack Slater (Letchworth Golf Club) who finished on -4 and Rueben Bather (Llandudno Golf Club) close behind on -3. Rueben posted the best score by a Welsh player and in doing so was awarded the Ben Enoch Memorial Trophy.

Mike Chick presented the trophies and congratulated the players on the quality of their play and the sportsmanship shown throughout the tournament.

He thanked Wales Golf for inviting Wenvoe Castle to host the championships and said he would be delighted to see further events at the club in the future.

Ashton Bradbury, chairman of Championship and Rules, Wales Golf, thanked Wenvoe Castle for the excellent work in hosting the Championships and paid special tribute to Lucy Sellick, the head greenkeeper and her team, who presented the course in such fine condition throughout the tournament.

Thanks were paid to the referees and starters and the host of club members who helped with the administration of the event. The facilities were first class and Nicola Sims, club secretary, and her bar and catering team were given special thanks for their efforts over the four days.

Wenvoe Castle can be proud of its ability to host such an event and provide the opportunity for local golfers to watch the best young players on the amateur circuit – several of whom will no doubt go on to the professional ranks.

BJ

GP receives BEM in Queen's Birthday Honours

DR HASMUKH SHAH, a south Wales GP, has been recognised in the Queen's Birthday Honours list with the award of a British Empire Medal.

He has worked in the NHS for nearly 43 years and has devoted his life to improving the health of a significantly deprived area of Wales.

However, it is his passion for community and charitable work that was recognised in the Honours List.

A fundraising board member of the Vale for Africa charity, Dr Shah's great strength has been to organise and support fundraising events and partnership projects such as Eye Care (teams from Wales visiting Tororo to train and treat thousands of people over the last four years).

In addition, he has raised funds for motorcycle ambulances, a resource centre/library and student scholarship at Atlantic College and piped water for primary schools in a rural community.

Dr Shah is trustee of Sanatan Dharma Mandal and Community Centre Cardiff, Welsh Hearts, Race Council Cymru and The Mentor Ring. He also chairs

Dr Hasmukh Shah

MEGAFOCUS group (Minor Ethnic Association for Ophthalmic Care) in Wales Government, is the honorary secretary of British Association of Physicians of Indian Origin which has contributed tremendously to the recruitment, retention and training of overseas trained doctors providing vital services to the NHS in Wales.

His charity efforts do not stop at the UK but also extend to overseas causes, raising funds for school projects in India and an orphan project in Africa.

Dr Shah was awarded Visiting Fellowship by the University of South Wales in 2017 for his longstanding medical professional work, education and charitable work to people of Wales.

Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club news

THE latest results for the Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club for June 11 are as follows:

First, John Raymond and Alan Lewis, 62.37 per cent; second, Alan Grant and Glenda Roberts, 57.58 per cent; third, Barbara Exton and Helen Barrie, 56.82 per cent.

LE

Belle Vue Bowling Club round-up

BELLE VUE Bowling Club played at the Murch Bowling Club on Saturday, June 9, and lost 57 to 89 shots, with three rinks losing and one tied.

Rink two tied their match 20-20, which was nip and tuck all the way. Lead was Paul Booth, No2 was Dave Smith, No3 was Dave Miller and the skip was captain Malcolm Thomas.

Rink three lost 9 to 26 - lead was Frank Keen, No2 was Dave Huntley, No3 was Paul Paterson and the skip was Len Fowler.

Rink four lost 21-15 - lead was Dave Bradley, No2 Richard Brant, No3 Alan Thomas and skip was Trevor Ford.

Rink five lost 22-13 - lead was Gordon Ford, No2 was Gerry Field, No3 was Barrie Bagwell and the skip was Dave Purser.

The game was played in excellent spirits – plenty of laughs and jokes flying around!

The weather was really hot and summery and the food was first class. Thanks go to the Murch for making it a lovely day all round.

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Mixed fortunes for Millwood

AFTER an encouraging start to the season last week this week produced a completely different set of results.

On Wednesday, Millwood made the short trip to Rhoose to play a Munro Cup match on a sunny evening. Both teams set out with victory as their aim, but at the end of a hard-fought encounter, the home side ran out winners three rinks to one.

Millwood, led by captain Alan Anniss, led his rink to a narrow one shot victory, while Alan Evans held his opponents right up to the 15th end when disaster struck, dropping 9 shots over the next 3 ends and despite a 4 on the final end, lost 21 shots to 15.

Brian Crockford and his rink were giving as good they were getting until the 12th end, when the next 3 ends cost 8 shots and although they recovered 6 shots over the last 4 ends, still went down 18 shots to 16.

On rink two, Geoff Stone and his rink did not manage to get to grips with the rink all night, going down 25 shots to 5, Rhoose taking 12 points to Millwood's 2.

On Saturday, the Club travelled to Sully for a Division 3 match on another good playing day.

Alan Anniss and his rink got off to the worst possible start, dropping a 6 on the first end a position from which the rink did not recover, losing 21shots to 18.

Captain John Slee and his rink were finding it extremely difficult to cope with the speed of the green and despite their best efforts, lost 18 shots to 6.

Alan Bumford and his rink got off to a good start and led 5 shots to 3 after 5 ends. However, on ends 7, 6 to 19 to 10, the rink dropped 11 shots – a position they were unable to recover, losing 22 shots to 15.

Elsewhere, Brian Crockford and his rink were making a very good job of giving the home rink a run for their money and up to end 15, held a narrow lead of 2 shots, 13-11. Disaster struck dropping 11 shots, finally losing 23 shots to 14.

Overall, the home side won 85 shots to 53, taking all 14 points.

At Millwood, the A side were at home to Roath Park in a Division 6 game.

On rink two, Alan Evans and his team got off to a slow start and were down 8 shots to 3 after 7 ends, but a 5 on end 8 changed matters and the rink eased to 22 shots to 17 win.

Geoff Stone took the lead from end 1 and ran out comfortable winners, 26 shots to 8. Elsewhere on rink 4, Bryn Webb found difficulty being consistent and eventually subsided 30 shots to 17.

Over on rink five, Mike Williams and his rink were not finding things any easier and did not trouble their opponents too much, losing 29 shots to 8 overall – a win for the visitors 84 shots to 73, Roath 10 points and Millwood 4.

BH

Qualifiers held at Brynhill

THE rolling fairways and velvet smooth greens of Brynhill Golf Club held the annual Championship qualifiers recently, split into three groups - Championship, Midway and the Buck Rabbit - who battled it out in perfect weather conditions for a place in the KO stages.

Best in the Championship was Matt Lundrigan with a two round total of 148. Top spot in the Midway was Lewis Miller with a solid total of 163 while in the Buck it was Robert Garn, who carded a 92 on the Sunday.

With the best 16 in each category now going forward to the knockout stages, the pick of the ties in the Championship is the two Scotties, Bowman and Warne; in the Midway Alan Sweeny takes on Shaun Williams, while tie of the round in the Buck is Gron Jones versus William Burniston.

On Sunday, a sunny Brynhill saw over a 100 competitors compete for the Artillery Cup.

Cael Penberthy and Nathan Clissold handled the slick greens and tight fairways best as they pipped ageing veterans Mathew Thomas and Carl Williams to win this four-ball, better-ball medal by two shots, with an impressive 61 net.

ND

News from Sully Sports Bowls Club

SULLY Sports Men's Bowls Club recently made the short trip to neighbours Sully.

Both teams were successful on two rinks, but the hosts won on aggregate by the slender margin of seven shots.

A Middleton's rink scored a 22-17 win, despite a great fightback over the last three ends where the hosts took 10 shots.

K Romans' rink were behind until the 11th end, and even at the 13th, but in the final five ends they outscored the host by 10 shots to 2, to win 18-10.

R Roberts' rink were always behind, except when they led 5-4 on the fifth end, in a very low scoring and tight tussle, and Sully held on to win 18-13.

C Coomber's rink fared badly, but on 5-4 down on the eight rink, then they held four, possibly more, shots on the ninth, but home skip A Jones' last wood took a wicked wick from a short wood and careered into the jack to win the end.

That set the course of the rest of the game, as the visitors struggled to win an end, with any luck favouring the hosts, and at the end the result was 22-7 in Sully's favour.

Rink scores: R Knight, M Stafford, J Kirk, C Coomber 7-22; A Fitt, D Burbridge, R Matthews, A Middleton 22-17; P Holland, P Collier, G Currie, R Roberts 13-18; J Harries, B Daniels, R Giddings, K Romans 18-10.

On June 9, the Sports faced the daunting trip to the Arms Park to play Cardiff Athletic in the PG1s, and came away with a rare, but well-merited, win by an aggregate of 82-76.

Level after five ends at 24-24, behind at 10 ends (37-42) and 15 ends (53-60), all the Sports' rinks dug in, and took the last six ends by 13 shots to take the overall aggregate by six shots.

Roy Roberts' rink found the green difficult in the early stages, and the Athletic led 12-1 after six ends, and 21-5 after 13 ends, and the Sports' fightback that brought the aggregate back by six shots over the last eight ends, played an important part in the eventual overall team aggregate.

Rob Matthews' rink led for one end only, the first, and slowly fell behind to be 22-9 down after 17 ends, upon which they found something as they won all the final four ends, scoring six shots in the process, and, as on Roberts' rink, this last-minute surge in scoring was so important in the overall picture.

K Romans' rink played superbly throughout and led from the first end until the last, with a very fine and so much-needed victory by 13 shots.

Lee Romans' rink also put on a terrific performance, and led from the outset.

Looking comfortable with a 21-9 lead after 16 ends, the Sports found themselves under pressure as the Athletic reduced the arrears to five shots with two ends to play.

With all the other rinks finished, and watching the outcome, putting even more pressure on, the Sports gained one shot on the penultimate end, and secured, not only the rink win, but the overall aggregate win, by posting four shots on the final end.

Rink scores: R Knight, J Kirk, G Currie, R Matthews 15-22; M Stafford, A Thompson, A Collard, R Roberts 15-25; D Austin, L Adams, C Coomber, K Romans 25-12; R Giddings, M Morgan, G Brown, L Romans 27-17.

Sully are at home again on June 16 when the PG1 visitors are Whitchurch Hospital.

Sully Sports' ladies' fixture away to Millwood was cancelled due to Millwood withdrawing from the Evening League, so their next fixture is at home to Dinas Powys Ladies on Friday, June 14.

New members are always welcome, whether experienced players or beginners, just turn up at the club, or contact Peter Holland on 01446 622490, or Mary Dare on 01446 732994.

MS

Barry chess team's cup hopes KO'd

OUR final East Glamorgan competitive match took place this week when our A team played host to Cardiff B in the Knockout Cup semi-final.

The Cardiff B team on the day was even stronger than their A team. Sam Jukes and Dave Parsons on boards 3 and 4 both gave us victory.

To go through to our first final for five years we only needed to earn a single draw from the two top boards.

Alas that proved to much so the tie was drawn 2-2 with Cardiff winning on Bottom Board Elimination. This is the third consecutive season when we have lost on tie break.

This is the 26th KO Cup competition and Barry have won it on five separate occasions.

Leading the way with eight wins is the Cardiff Club. In the final they will meet the North Cardiff A team who on paper are the stronger team.

The North Cardiff club have never won this trophy. This season was the first time that they had won the Division One title so can they complete the league and cup double? Ironically both finalists have beaten a Barry team on their way to the final

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7.30pm each Monday at the West End Club, St Nicholas Road, Barry CF62 6QY.

The club is open to players of all standards; whether you are interested in playing competitive chess or just the occasional friendly games.

New players are very welcome to just turn up on the night but if you contact one of the club members through the website we can explain what is happening on the night you have in mind, and arrange for someone to greet you on your arrival.

For more details visit our website at barrychessclub.yolasite.com.

PHIL JONES

Barrivale Bridge Club results

THE results for the Barrivale Bridge club session for June 5 are as follows.

The winners are: first, Diana and Adrian Trickey 64.97 per cent.

Second, Mike Close and Peter Millar 64.58 per cent. Third, Mark Roderick and Mike Best 56.77 per cent.

The handicap winners are Adrian and Diana Trickey.

As always, new members are welcome at Barrivale bridge club and a partner can be arranged, if required.

If you would like to join us call 01446 418380 or 01446 733425 or 01446 735592 or call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry on Tuesdays at 7pm.

Alternatively, players inexperienced or new, may attend the following sessions: Friday 10am (doors open 9.45am) at the Pioneer Hall for lessons and assisted play.

Thursday afternoons for assisted play from 1.30pm-4pm at the Barry Uniting Church, Heol y Llongau, Barry (CF634AP, the waterfront).

While our current class for beginners continues to run on Friday mornings, new members wishing to start the class will be able to join the next beginners' class commencing this September.

LH

James shines at badminton championships

FRIDAY, June 8 saw James Savory of Barry set off for the Special Olympics Regional Badminton Championships held in Wrexham.

With 50-plus competitors taking part in the singles competition, James rose to the challenge after a recent injury, only dropping two out of the 16 games played all day.

Sunday morning saw the start of the men's doubles where once again James joined up with his doubles partner Stephen Davies from Wrexham.

The pair only ever play together at competitions, but they picked up where they left off from the last competition and didn't drop a game.

James received the gold medal in the men's singles and, along with Stephen, also received the gold for the men's doubles.

If anyone is interested in taking part as an athlete or volunteer the sports we cover within Special Olympics Cardiff & Vale group are Badminton, Bocce, Boccia, Indoor Bowls, Golf, Artistic Gymnastics, Sprint Kayaking, 10 Pin Bowling and Swimming.

For more information please contact Jeff Savory via specialolympicswales@gmail.com or call 0780 316 5581.

JS

RHOOSE BOWLERS ARE HOT SHOTS!

FOUR bowlers from Rhoose Bowls Club (D Kendall, B Shears, T Lages and skip C Ashdown) achieved an amazing feat in their game against Murch in the Alan Martin Cup.

With the score standing at 13-11 to Rhoose, they produced a 'Hot-Shot' on the 14th end with all eight woods counting.

Not content with this they repeated the achievement on the very next end – 16 shots gained in just two ends!

The eventual result was an overall victory for Rhoose by 66-15 in the two rinks-only competition.

Rhoose have made a great start to the season winning both matches played in the CDM League (Beddau and Barry Romilly a) and also qualifying for the first time for the knockout stages of the W B A competition(Carruthers Shield) following victories in all three of their pool matches (at Bridgend and Barry Central and at home against Aberkenfig).

A really tough match now follows when they entertain Tenby this Saturday in the first round proper.

With several new players joining, plus the addition of some young 'up-and-coming' stars, Rhoose is looking forward to a great season.

TL

Romilly bowlers slip to defeat

AT a sunny Romilly Park, Romilly hosted last year's CML Division One champions Gilfach Bargoed, a tough fixture to get back to winning ways after defeat to Caerphilly the previous week.

The Romilly started poorly and after five ends were 10 shots down; 10 ends brought a little improvement, the deficit pegged back to five.

The 15th end saw the rink of A. Bryan, G Rees, G Eastment and skip J Wright go eight shots up while the rink of A Bannister, D Francis, M Newman, G Cogbill were ahead by three shots.

Mike Doyle's rink - P Gershenson, T Bloomfield and C Collins - were one shot in arrears while the fourth rink of captain K Mills, J Daly, R Jones and B Foscolo battled hard with a four shot deficit.

The final six ends were going to be crucial but a couple of loose ends meant Gilfach took the spoils, 57-53, to win 10-4.

There will be a short break from league activity while the Romilly take on Penyrhoel in the Carruthers Shield and hopefully regroup and return to winning ways.

MN

Changes confirmed at Dinas Powys FC

DINAS POWYS FC are delighted to announce that Mark Tawton and Gavin Price will form the new first team management at Dinas Powys.

Both are vastly experienced at Welsh League level with Gavin's previous clubs, including Barry Town, Cardiff Civil Service, Dinas Powys and Grange Quins, while Mark's former clubs include AFC Llywdcoed and Cwmamman.

We are also pleased to confirm that Robert Brown, Paul Lewis and Alun Lewis will be coming on board, with Paul and Alun taking charge of the reserve team.

Pre-season training will start at 6.30pm on Tuesday, July 3 at Bryn y Don, Dinas Powys, with existing, old and new players all welcome to attend.

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THE exceptional weather continues and playing golf is the place to be.

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An excellent turnout for the Mixed competition on the recent bank holiday saw a very close result, with Karen Ball and Cliff White winning the Betty and Harry Broadbent trophy by the narrowest of margins.

They posted the wining score of 39 points to just beat Jayne and Huw Smith, also on 39 points but missing out on count back. Club vice captain Lesley Sherrard thanked all the members for supporting the competition; all played in a very enjoyable and sporting atmosphere, extended to a meal and a drink in the magnificent setting of the patio overlooking the course.

The Men's competitions are well under way and Gary Butt played exceptionally well to win the Renwick Seniors' trophy with 42 points. Commiserations for the runner-up Jeff Hudd who also played well to score 43 points, but narrowly missed out on countback.

Played on the same day was the aptly named Younger's Stableford which was won by low handicapper Paul Wheatley, playing better than scratch to accumulate 41 points just ahead of Richard Harries with another good score of 40 points.

The recent Senior's Stableford was won by Alan Hancock with 38 points just seeing off the challenge of Tom Marples with 37 points.

The Ladies have the opportunity to play nine hole stableford competitions over the back nine holes and recently Caroline Holland posted a winning score of 17 points with Caroline Davies in second place.

Club membership is available to players of all categories and an opportunity to enjoy competitive or social golf. The club supports the initiative to encourage more ladies into golf and the club Professional is the contact to discuss the possibility of learning the game – with the additional benefit of health and fitness in absolutely stunning surroundings.

The club Professional can be contacted on 02920 594371 (ext 3) or alternatively the club secretary Nicola Sims on 02920 59471 (ext 2) will be happy to provide details of membership opportunities; also details of the club's facilities for functions or business use.

Rhoose boxers are given chance to shine

AS the season heads towards the Welsh ABA Championship at Sophia Gardens, Rhoose junior boxers have faced opponents across south Wales in a bid to secure themselves an opportunity to fight for a title.

Coaches Michael Smyth and Wayne Cummins have witnessed some outstanding performances from the seven fighters who have worked hard to meet the criteria before this Saturday's weigh-in.

Earlier this year Zeb Yewlett took his win tally to six and brothers Brandon and Joel Harris delivered winning performances with Joel being awarded bout of the night on his debut performance.

Iestyn Byrd and Marly Cummins bravely took on their first fights this spring. Two Southpaw opponents denied Marly the win and despite an outstanding performance on both occasions, Iestyn was robbed of a debut victory.

Club history was made when Nicole Twomey became the first female fighter to represent Rhoose ABC and Ethan Liscombe gave performances that his great grandfather and club founder Peter Anthony would have been proud of.

LC

On and Off The Turf with Brian Lee

ADAM Wedge, stable jockey to Llancarfan's Evan Williams, landed the Handicap Hurdle over two miles and four furlongs on 8-1 chance *Voodoo Doll* at Bangor on Tuesday (June 5).

Five-year-old *Voodoo Doll* came home four-and-a-half lengths ahead of *Cougar Kid* in a field of 12 runners.

CONNOR TO JOIN PAID RANKS

CONNOR Brace, 16, who landed the White Swan Hotel Open Hunters' Chase at Stratford last Friday evening on his grandfather David Brace's *Robin Des People* is to join the paid ranks.

Connor has proved something of a sensation this season and he has won the Wilkinson Sword for being the leading under-21 rider and also the Harley Racing Novice Riders' title.

He told the press: "I've learned a lot about race riding on the point-to-point circuit – how to ride over fences, judging pace and getting used to different tracks. The boys in the changing room have been a big help and you start learning how to chat to people like owners and trainers.

"I'll always be grateful to pointing. It's been a chance to learn and make mistakes, the stewards will call you in and put you right."

Connor also learned a lot about the sport when riding in the pony races that are held at point-to-points up and down the country and he will be joining Fergal O'Brien's yard as a seven pound claimer in August.

Robin Des People, a 9-2 chance and a winner of his three previous point-to-points, won by half-a-length from the 25-1 outsider *Brave Jaq* partnered by his fellow Welshman and friend Bradley Gibbs.

Bradley, riding *Asockastar*, finished second to 66-1 winner *Chosen Dream* in the Pertemps Stratford Foxhunters Champion Hunter's Steeplechase.

In the Skinners Ladies' Open PTP Championship Final Hunters' Chase, Bridgend builder Roger Willcox saw his *Patricktom Boru*, second in the race last year, finish third behind *Owen Glendower* and *Sedgmore Express*. *Patricktom Boru* was ridden by regular pilot Jodie Hughes who also finished second on *Forever My Friend* in the Freetrial Handicap Hunters' Chase.

TIM'S STRATFORD WINNER

ABERTHIN'S Tim Vaughan landed the opening Perfect P (Karma) Novices' handicap Hurdle at Saturday's Stratford fixture with his five-year-old *Calarules* who, partnered by champion jockey Richard Johnson, won by six lengths at odds of 5-2.

WINS FOR ISABEL AND JACK

LLANCARFAN'S Isabel Williams and Merthyr Mawr's Jack Tudor both rode winners at the weekend.

At the Dingley Point-To-Point on Saturday Isabel, 20, riding her father Evan's five-year-old bay mare *Burn Baby Byrne*, won the restricted open race and at Sunday's Bratton Down Point-To-Point Jack Tudor, riding his father Jonathan Tudor's nine-year-old *Desert Row*, won the intermediate race.

Both these winners had finished second in their previous races at the Pembrokeshire Hunt Point-To-Point on June 2.

Isabel, who is making a bold bid for the national novice riders' championship, has ridden seven winners this season; the same number as Alcester's Alice Stevens, 19, who also rode a winner at Bratton Down.

BRIAN LEE

SKITTLERS ACHIEVE HISTORIC TREBLE

CWRT y Vil skittles team, who play their home matches at the Cogan Coronation Club, achieved a historic treble this season, winning the Penarth & District Premier League title, the Champion of Champions trophy and the Marie Curie Cup.

It was the seventh time in the last 11 years that the team has won the Premier League and in a tough battle all season with their closest rivals the Clive Rams, pipped the Rams by only two points.

Needing to win the last game of the season against the Dads Army, Cwrt y Vil contrived to lose the game, despite Dads Army only having 11 players.

The Rams then needed to beat the Railway Sleepers away the same night to force a play-off. In the end the Railway won comfortably and the title went to Cwrt y Vil.

The Champion of Champions play-off match was hosted by the Llandough Legion and the three teams contesting the cup were Cwrt y Vil, Lower Boys, winners of the Division One title and the Cross Keys Athletic, winners of Division Two.

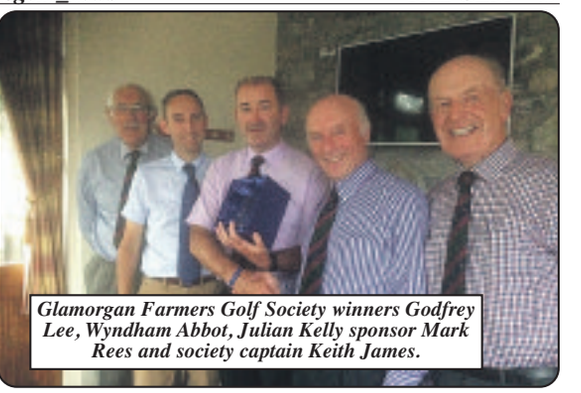
After four roles the match became a two horse race between Cwrt y Vil and the Keys and with Cwrt y Vil rolling last it was left to their anchor man Dave Garner to hit six pins to draw and seven to win the game. Dave duly obliged and hit a memorable eight pins.

With a disappointing number of teams entering the Marie Curie Cup, the final was held on the left-hand alley at the Ex-Serviceman's Club, between the Railway Sleepers and Cwrt y Vil.

In a match that could have gone either way, the Sleepers who required 24 pins from the last three players, hit eight, eight and, with their anchor man, then hitting six off his first ball, managed to miss with the next two balls and handed the Cup to Cwrt y Vil.

It was a valiant effort by the Sleepers, which was a great contest all night.

PJM



Glamorgan Farmers Golf Society winners Godfrey Lee, Wyndham Abbot, Julian Kelly sponsor Mark Rees and society captain Keith James.

Julian achieves lifetime ambition!

THERE are great views and there are great courses yet rarely do they come together with such perfection as they do at the Cottrell Park Golf Resort, now firmly established as the 'Home of Golf' in Wales.

With spectacular views over the Bristol Channel in one direction and the distant Brecon Beacons in the other the Mackintosh course at this great venue proved ideal to stage the annual medal round competition for members of the Glamorgan Farmers' Golf Society.

Competing for the Shrieval Trophy in memory of the late Mr Islwyn Rees, himself a firm believer in stroke play competition, 35 members and guests made their way to the first tee all with high hopes of finishing ahead of the field and collecting one of the many excellent prizes supplied by the day's generous sponsor Mr Mark Rees.

Unfortunately, playing a medal round where every shot counts rather than the more traditional stableford format once again caused problems particularly to those who are unaccustomed to playing shots off plush fertile soil and where the only 'natural droppings' are blossom blown off the magnificent trees similar to Augusta.

However, despite the many counter attractions some were able to keep their head down long enough to execute that perfect golf shot and as the cards were handed in at the end of the day's proceedings just one shot separated the first three players.

Julian Kelly, with a net 72, was ecstatic when it was announced he had returned the best score of the day to win his first major competition at such a high profile venue.

Runner-up with a net 73 was Godfrey Lewis whose double bogey on the 17th hole proved crucial. Mike Lee also with a net 73 finished in third place just ahead of Dan Jarvis, who finished with a net 75.

Robbie Llewellyn, trying to celebrate his 60th birthday in peace, finished in the 'also-ran' category.

Wyndham Abbot, with a net 69, won the visitors' section with Charles Vicary runner-up with a net 73.

The society were pleased to welcome John Hibberd, a founder member and now honorary member of the society, who moved away from the Vale in 1992.

John made the 400 mile round trip from Sussex to participate and thoroughly enjoyed the occasion made all the more enjoyable thanks to the supportive staff at Cottrell Park, namely Shelley Oliver, Katie Bugler, Ben Brigg and Jordan Standing.

Nearest the pin on the Watts & Morgan sponsored par-3 holes were Godfrey Lewis, Gareth Perkins, Mike Lee and Martyn David.

Dan Jarvis hit the longest drive down the 18th fairway to collect the Llanerch Vineyard & Restaurant-sponsored prize and David Harris collected a 'Picketson Poultry' voucher when correctly guessing 41 balls would remain out on this delightful course which raised £80 for Prostrate Cymru.

The society's next meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 29, when members will be leaving early in the morning for a full day's golf at Chippenham Golf Club to compete for the Payton, Jewell & Caines International classic kindly sponsored by Mr John Caines.

TMcC

Belle Vue's big win over Ely

BELLE Vue took on Ely Bowling Club on June 2.

Belle Vue had a very big win in this first league game of the season, winning on all four rinks, 111 to 40 shots, a 14 point win.

Rink one won by 21 to 14 shots; lead was Paul Booth, no 2 was Dave Smith and no 3 was Dave Miller; the skip was Malcolm Thomas, our captain.

Rink two won 23 to 12 shots; lead was Graham Duggan, no 2 was Richard Brant and number 3 was Alan Thomas; skip was Trevor Ford.

Rink three won by 32 to 4 shots; lead was Frank Keen, no 2 was Dave Huntley, no 3 was Paul Paterson and skip was Ceri Jones.

Rink four won by 33 to 10 shots; lead was Len Fowler, no 2 Gerry Field, no 3 was Barrie Bagwell and the skip was Dave Purser.

Thank you to Malcolm Thomas for the food and drink and to all his helpers in the bar and kitchen.

The weather was lovely and very hot and the game was played in a very friendly manner, lots of banter and laughs all round.

Thank you, Ely, for making it a good friendly game!

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Firsts hope that promotion dreams will not fade away after defeat to league leaders

'YOU can't always get what you want' sang cricket lover Mick Jagger and The Rolling Stones.

The Cowbridge first XI wanted a win at Gorseinon on Saturday but couldn't get it, defeated by the now clear leaders, Goseinon, by five wickets.

Gorseinon now have a 12 point advantage over Cowbridge, 129 to 114, but importantly there remain 240 points to play for. Disappointing yes, disastrous no.

Cowbridge were slightly makeshift on Saturday too. The rock, Tom Merilaht, scorer of nearly 500 runs this season was absent with a back injury. Another back injury deprived Cowbridge of the fast bowling of Brad Evans who played as a batsman and Sam Routledge has returned to his home club in Nottinghamshire now the university term is over.

Nevertheless, batting first, Cowbridge might have been looking for 250 and more. The pitch was good, the outfield striped both ways and looking magnificent with no tattiness around the environs, this greatly improved cricket ground presented the Cowbridge batsmen with every opportunity to get that sort of total.

A good start, a halting collapse and a lower middle order flourish sums up the way things went.

The openers, Ben Wright (48) and Chris Willey (14) put on 64 then three fell quickly. Jack Harris (81) then proceeded to play the innings of his career so far stroking an elegant 81.

He was ably supported by the other Jack, this time Cropper who battled well for 29 and then Tom Williams who scored 21 before being run out.

Matt Harper got a useful 13 and the innings closed for tea at 222-8. It always seemed a little short.

The Gorseinon chase was an odd affair. The home players certainly know how to farm the short boundary, hitting the ball in the air which just dropped out of the catching zone regularly.

At 64-3 it might have been five or six down, it seemed that a couple of wickets could have come at any time and would have sufficed to strangle the home chase. Unfortunately, it was not to be. The home side got home comfortably enough to satisfy the drinkers in the 'gin-soaked bar room' that is the Lewis Jones bar adjacent to the ground.

So Cowbridge must re-group and get back to wining ways against Merthyr at The Athletic Ground this Saturday, and, recalling The Rolling Stones' lyric, 'You get what you need'.

Want, need – they are both in captain Chris Willey's mind. After all for an ambitious leader without winning, he 'can't get no satisfaction'.

JRB

T20 team keep their winning run going

COWBRIDGE'S T20 team kept up their unbeaten record for the season when they defeated Sully Spartans at home by 31 runs.

Winning the toss Joe Russell our captain won the toss and opted to bat first. Andy Harrison scored a quickfire 19 runs which was followed by a 96 run partnership between Tom Williams (52) and Jack Cropper (69 n.o.).

The captain contributed with 22 to bring the home total to 176 for 5; Saeed was the best of the bowlers with three wickets for 41 runs.

Accurate bowling from the start restricted the Spartans to 53 for 3 in the first 10 overs. Inman and Sathish scored an unbroken stand of 93 runs in the next 10 overs but the Spartans fell short by 31 runs to finish on 145 for 3.

It was good to see the captain trust the last six overs to youngsters Quin Silk and Shiraz Khan who kept a cool head in spite of the dominant partnership.

Cowbridge play Cardiff at home on Wednesday, June 20, which will be the clash of the two top teams.

The fifth under-9s festival saw the squad travel to Creigau on a blistering hot morning.

Three games were played with the older members of the squad playing Penarth. Cowbridge scored 245 to Penarth's 209.

In the second game the younger players played against the home team and were victorious scoring 250 to 229.

The final game was exciting with the result going in favour of Cardiff in the final over 225 runs to 233. Well done to all 14 of the squad.

HW

Penllyn Bridge Club results

THE results for Penllyn Bridge Club for the month of May are as follows.

May 3, 18 pairs: first, Norma Barber and Gwenyth Wilde 63.34 per cent; second, Judith and Colin Nunn 61.65 per cent and third, Helen and Mike Ruttley 61.36 per cent.

May 10, 18 pairs: first, Helen and Mike Ruttley 64.77; second, Barbara Easterbrook and guest 62.22; third, John Lord and Jo Ilsley 59.38.

May 17, 17 pairs: first, David and Marion Stephenson 65.58; second, Wayne Stephens and Mary Wallis 60 and third Norma Barber and Gwenyth Wilde 59.64.

May 24, 16 pairs: first, Judith and Colin Nunn 62.66; second, Phil Edwards and Julie Evans 59.7; third, Norma Barber and Gwenyth Wilde 55.71.

May 31, 16 pairs Robert Brown Cup Competition: first, John Lord and Jo Ilsley 62.66; second, David and Marion Stephenson 61.04 and third, Barbara Easterbrook and Julie Evans 56.17.

CN

Cowbridge Bowls Club round-up

THE ladies and the men's teams had the busiest of weeks, having to fulfill three games each in the regular competitions.

First up on Monday in the two rink Evening League at home to Rhiwbina, it was a draw on one rink and had a good win on the other.

Rink scores: Corrie Bufton, Caryl Davies, Jan Lewis (captain for the match) and Joan Bradley 13-13; Dorothy Pritchard, Sian Lewis, Sylvia Hole and Lynda Wilson 21-9. Match score: Cowbridge 34, Rhiwbina 22.

The following afternoon playing away in Pencoed in a Cowbridge Shield game Cowbridge lost on all rinks. Match score: Cowbridge 30, Pencoed 63.

At home on the Thursday afternoon league, Cowbridge were comfortable winners against Millwood.

The visitors had to give away shots as they were not able to field a full team on two of the rinks.

Rink scores: Lin Wallace, Joan Bradley, Helena Snelling and Lynda Wilson 21-5.25; Diane Purnell, Corrie Bufton, Phyllis Price and Elaine Dobie 26-12; Sandra Collin, Pat Holdsworth, Kay Edwards and Joy Woolford 29-6.75. Match score: Cowbridge 76, Millwood 24.

Cowbridge were able to play 21 ladies in these three games, such is the strength of the playing membership.

In addition, four ladies – Sandra Collin, Pat Holdsworth, Kay Edwards and Elaine Dobie – represented Cowbridge in a presidents vs vice-presidents match on Monday at the Bridgend Municipal Club.

The men, having played Cadoxton away in a league game the previous week, returned to play them again on their rink in their midweek Munro Cup game.

I am told that the green played better this time as did Cowbridge, winning overall by one shot.

Cowbridge won on two rinks and lost on two. Norman Wilkinson, with support from Alun Jordon, Terry Foley and Colin Wilson won 13-12. The win on Dennis Snelling's rink, with Andrew Morgan as lead, Rob Lewis at 2 and Bryan Hole at 3 and Dennis Snelling as skip, contributed to the win overall with an impressive 20-9 win. Match score: Cowbridge 60, Cadoxton 59.

To date, Cowbridge had played in five Munro Cup games, winning four and losing one, and two of these were away.

Playing away again on Thursday in an Evening Triples game against Maesteg Welfare, we were second best on three rinks but the trio of Gerry Lloyd, Steve Close and Bob Penn were successful with a 25-14 win. Match score: Cowbridge 61, Maesteg Welfare 76.

For their second league game of the season, Cowbridge men entertained Blaenrhondda.

The vistors outplayed Cowbridge on three of the rinks. Only the team of Mansel Davey, John Jones, Steve Close and Alan Wallace were a match for their opponents, winning 24-17. Match score: Cowbridge 71, Blaenrhondda 81.

Finally, social bowls are played on Monday afternoon at 2pm and Friday evenings at 6pm.

New members are invited to come along to join in and play. You will be given a warm welcome but you need to arrive 15 minutes before the start time.

MB

Vale cricket firsts are back on track with good victory

HOPKINSTOWN were the visitors to a sunny Corntown, home of Vale CC.

With both teams fighting for promotion and having lost their two previous games, Vale first XI could not allow this game to slip away from them.

Captain Davies won the toss and elected to bat on a glorious day. This turned out to be an excellent decision as Davies (22) and Snelson (82) started quickly getting 32 runs inside the first five overs below the captain left the crease.

Davies' departure brought McCay to the crease. Together he and Snelson punished the bowling of Hopkinstown and took advantage of yet another terrific track prepared by the in-house Vale CC ground team.

Both Snelson and McCay stroked the ball to the boundary at regular intervals giving Hopkinstown plenty to chase.

At drinks, the total was a very impressive 119-1 but the day's work was far from over. More of the same was to follow after drinks.

Snelson and McCay continued to build the pressure of the opposition with big runs. Snelson eventually departed as he was bowled by Price (1-48) with the score 174-2 meaning a striking 146 run partnership was formed between the Vale second and third batsman in only 80 minutes!

Vale wunderkind Alex Upham (32) continued Vale's successfully innings as he teamed up well with McCay scoring at a good rate.

McCay (62) was caught off the bowling of Pember (1-51) bring the entertaining partnership of 30 to an end. Shortly after Upham was caught and bowled by Staples (1-49).

The home side then went about trying to add quick runs as their innings drew to a close.

Gareth Kellend, making his first appearance for the first team this season after some impressive second team performances scored a well-made 25 not out and really helped Vale add vital runs at the end. Vale closed the innings with 264-6, a fantastic effort.

After tea, Vale were highly motivated to break their run of defeats.

Vale struck early on with danger man Pember removed for only five runs by opener Gilbert (1-34) with fellow opening batsman Lewis (5) dismissed by Darren Upham who bowled a season best of 1-9 from his nine overs.

Weeks (76) and Hughes (59) were the only batsman for Hopkinstown who scored well against the Vale bowling attack with the exception of Cannon who scored a measured 22.

Weeks and Hughes were both dismissed by the leg spin of Alex Upham who capped off a fantastic day for himself taking 4-43!

Cannon's innings came at a time where it looked unlikely that Hopkinstown were going to threaten Vale's winning position as the visitors went about restricting the home sides bowling points.

Hopkinstown ended their pursuit on 203-7 giving Vale the win.

Vale showed tremendous discipline and passion to overturn their run of defeats and with this win (and other results) they find themselves top of the table again!

Congratulations to all involved on a great result for the club.

HW

Seconds stay top after sixth win in six!

VALE CC seconds travelled to Hopkinstown in buoyant mood, looking to extent their perfect winning start to the season.

Having won the toss, the Vale captain decided to bat first on a used wicket that had been repaired for this South East Wales Division 3 second XI encounter.

The innings began well for Hopkinstown as they struck with an early wicket in the third over, bringing to the crease vice-captain Mark Francis to join Vale skipper Mathew Thomas.

After accumulating runs for the next 20 overs Francis departed for a well struck 66 and playing his part in a stand of 133 with Thomas.

Two further wickets fell and, with the score on 186 for 4 in the 31st over, Paul Gilbert came the crease.

The tempo of the Vale innings instantly increased with some hard running and hitting with the help of a few extras from the Hopkinstown bowlers.

Thomas began to find his hitting zone and brought up his hundred in the 36th over and with 14 balls later Thomas reached 150 runs.

Vale completed their 40 over innings with a daunting 302 for 4 in the main due to the 116 partnership in 9 overs between Thomas and Gilbert.

Hopkinstown set about the 303 run target in aggressive fashion targeting the Vale opening bowlers.

However, this was Hopkinstown undoing as Idris Merry followed up his impressive five-wicket haul last week to claim two early wickets.

Opening spin bowler on the day Glyn Jones claimed another and Hopkinstown were reeling at 35 for 3. Joseph Davies the young left arm seamer was introduced to the action and bowled a spell of bowling beyond his years.

With ball swinging and nipping off the seam Davies bowled accurately, constantly making the batman play by targeting the stumps.

Davies ripped through the Hopkinstown batting order taking a senior career best of 5 for 16 with four wickets bowled and one caught by Iestyn Fenn who in turn took two catches in the innings. Hopkinstown were bowled out in 17 overs for 87 runs.

Vale second XI are now six wins from six matches and will host Sully on Saturday looking to build upon their impressive start to the season.

MT

Byron's Sweet Lady brings success

COWBRIDGE'S Byron Moorcroft landed the open maiden race at the Eggesford Hunt Point-To-Point Steeplechases in Devon last Wednesday evening (June 6) on the Kieran Price-trained *Sweet Lady Jane*, who scored by 10 lengths from *Justu*, ridden by the legendary Will Biddick.

Sweet Lady Jane, who is owned by Miss Georgia Kemeys, was Kieran Price's 14th winner of the season and went off the 6-4 favourite.

In the restricted race, Moorcroft, riding *Gowell*, finished second to *Moonlight Flyer*.

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